

also worth mentioning as a key feature of this phase. The book concludes with a brief discourse on the ICJ's future. The ICJ Statute, Rules, and Practice Directions are annexed to the book.

Irrespective of its price, *International Court of Justice* is certainly a good deal. It provides a unique examination of the ICJ's practice and procedure. Indeed, one of the key strengths of this book is the depth of the analysis of a wide range of procedural issues, which can be of an immense help for practitioners and others studying the ICJ's jurisprudence. The cases are thoroughly analyzed, and their relevance across multiple issues is highlighted.

Not many readers will read this book from cover to cover, as this faithful reviewer did. If they did, however, they would find that, as Kolb announced in the introduction, the book can be a bit repetitive at times. For example, the issue of *forum prorogatum* is analyzed in four different places. For this and other issues, the very good twenty-five-page index will be an invaluable tool for swift research in such circumstances. The book also includes a useful and detailed table of all the cases cited in the book, with specific page references, should a reader be interested only in the analysis pertaining to a particular case.

As a side note, Kolb could at times sail a tighter ship. For example, chapter II ends with a narrative on other international tribunals based in The Hague and a digression on the definition of international tribunals. Though these sections are interesting, they take away from a consistent reading of the book. Indeed, Kolb shares important parts of his encyclopedic knowledge on the ICJ, but to the detriment of a more structured argument. Also, the varying lengths of the sections at times encumber the smooth reading of the book. This may be due in part to the fact that the author wrote the original in French (which, as noted, has been translated to English), following the French writing tradition (which is very different from the American one).

In thinking of a new edition, the author may consider splitting the content in two volumes to allow more footnotes and using a more reader-friendly font. That said, the book is a real pleasure to read, it is excellent and extremely informative,

and it has already taken a prominent place in my library.

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