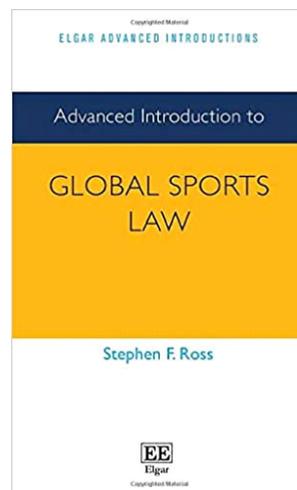


Review of the book on

Introduction to the Global Sports Law
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Going through this concise, witty, clear and easy to read introduction to the Global Sports Law, has reminded us of Italo Calvino's extraordinary suggestion to publish an editorial series of one hundred pages long novels by his own Italian publisher, Einaudi.

Hereafter the quote explaining the core motives:

“The fact is that I have always been more a writer of short stories than a novelist, and it is second nature to me to close – both in formal and conceptual terms – even a story that remains open; to condense into a short narrative space all the elements that give a sense of completion to the story. However, I do not mean by this that I am in favor only of short time-spans – or rather, there is no doubt that we are living in a period in which time has been shattered, there is no room to breathe, no possibility of foreseeing and planning ahead, and that this rhythm is imposed on what I write – but ideally I believe more and more that the only thing that counts is what moves in long, very long time-spans, both in geological eras and in the history of society. Trying to work out the directions in which these things are moving is very difficult; for that reason, I feel more and more incapable of understanding what really is happening in a world which does nothing but prove each model wrong”.¹

¹ I. CALVINO, *Lezioni Americane, raccolta postume di conferenze da tenere all'Università di Harvard*, Einaudi editore.

Calvino was convinced that a novelist can compress in a limited number of pages every story worth to tell and exciting enough to attract and keep the curiosity and attention of the readers and lovers of stylish and upscale pieces of literature.

Likewise, Professor Stephen Ross masters the art of the brevity and conciseness in drafting scientific, fundamental, legal concepts and matters of high complexity with high quality narrative style, which keeps the attention and curiosity of readers.

Ross's outstanding pedagogic experience and scholarship in comparative sports law are the vital factors to provide the readers with basic notions of global sports law made simple.

He has brilliantly succeeded in restraining in 132 pages the essentials of the contemporary, global sports law, comparatively assessing the major problems of the North America closed leagues sports and those of the European Model of Sport without neglecting the indispensable references to the Australian and Asian sports governance's analogous questions. Naturally, the American sports law issues are the main focus of the author's analysis. Though he shows an outstanding expertise of the European sports and competition law jurisprudence and doctrine.

In his thriving effort to summarize complex issues and make them effortlessly intelligible to the young under-graduate as well as the layman, he shows a rare talent of a juridical storyteller gratifying his readers with the clear and simple description of the current global sports law great questions.

Surely the content of the book is an introduction to the major sports law matters. But it is a complete, rich review of the indispensable issues whose knowledge the reader may wish to further and expand going through the sports law's many specialized works, which are published by academics and scholars in the United States, Europe and Australasia.

This book has also the merit to become the unavoidable reading for all those university law graduates, who are still striving to find their own professional vocation among the many legal occupations. The easy reading of the complicate but simplified sports law matters would enable the youth to appreciate the depth of their inclination to study the sports law and boost their chances to go on and become a sports law scholar.

The seven chapters cover the different models of sports governance in the USA and Europe, their regulatory and disciplinary powers; the commercial expansion of the sports' capacity of attracting millions of supporters and media spectators; the integrity of sport and its various forms of corruption; the highly didactic competition law and sports complete though basic analysis; the human rights and their impact on the sports' disciplines and finally a short but stimulating review of the arbitrate in sports as a dispute settlement exclusive system.

This book is also available as e-book.