

LAW AS SOCIAL PRACTICE AND AN IMPETUS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Book Synopsis

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Law as Social Practice and an Impetus for Development – Theory and Practice by Dr. Peter O. Onyoyo is a synthesis of all areas concerning social jurisprudence discourse. The book is well researched and thoroughly reviewed. Its concerns touch the reality of the study and practice of law in modern jurisdictions especially in the emerging African States.

The author seeks to bring the attention of the readers to the mutable and consistent aspects of law considering the theory and practice. The main scope of this academic research is to keep a repertoire of classic legal formalism and legal realism as experienced in the legal practice today. By doing this the treatise reveals some key aspects of law that remain valid throughout the time despite law reforms and adaptation of contemporary social challenges.

Law as Social Practice and An Impetus for Development has considered several modern authors in the area of social foundations of law, sociology of law, anthropology of law, analytical jurisprudence and legal philosophy based on legal scholars. It is a compendium of several legal concepts of personalities such as Joseph Raz, J. Habermas, Hart, Roscoe Pound, J. Fuller, John Rawls and many others.

The book is a pure academic exercise intermingled with modern debates on problematic legal issues. It takes care of the practice of law and legal profession in the Republic of Kenya and how all this creates impact on the development goals. Illustrated footnotes are meant to provide more insights on certain topics.

The author has also ventured into modern ICT mechanisms in the research so that the work captures the use of digital technology to render the work palatable to modern readership. The included table of contents provides the reader with a quick glimpse of the entire legal matrix. The book is innovative and rich in new ideas. Its touches on various legal systems is impressive and intelligently expressed.

The book is undergoing critical peer reviews and editing by experts in the same discipline of law so to improve on some pertinent areas of concern. This is done in conjunction with other Schools of law in none African jurisdictions.

A particular area is the interplay between law as practiced and the social changes of our modern time as understood by sociologists. It takes into account also legal globalization and the changing dimensions of the practice.

Finally the book worth reading. It is beneficial to all types of audience. It is ideal for law students, researchers, teachers, and professionals.

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