diverse data set including first-hand observations and interviews, the authors risk saying everything and thus nothing, and thereby failing to offer significant interventions in the diverse scholarly conversations to which the book seeks to connect. The authors seem to appreciate the weight of this challenge. They bookend the project with many varieties of conceptual framing on the one hand, and an extensive set of potential implications on the other, the latter gathered under the rubric of "inventive global governance" (p. 389). In doing so, the authors avoid tying up the particularities too neatly into a new theoretical or conceptual apparatus beyond the high-level claim that the actors involved in lawmaking matter. But in so doing, they also cannot entirely avoid the weight of conceptual jargon common to one or another intersecting discipline. The framing that most substantially lifts the particularities into a cohesive whole is social ecology theory, which the authors use nimbly to taxonomize factors like time, money, expertise, legitimacy, and infrastructure as resources; to explain UNCITRAL's changing missions over time as evolutionary adaptations (or failures to adapt); and to posit an array of useful generalizations. Indeed, the author's use of social ecology theory in this context would seem to offer a productive exemplar for investigation in other arenas of global lawmaking.

In the end, UNCITRAL constitutes just one of many models of interaction between state and non-state entities, and its particular style of lawmaking is built on one of many sets of working practices, lawmaking procedures, and distinct historical accidents. Nevertheless, by giving us a tremendously fact-driven and multifaceted account of lawmaking in this very particular context, the book demonstrates how, through painstaking data collection, to disrupt the "plausible folk theories" on which legal scholarship is sometimes built (p. 441). It challenges broader assumptions about the roles state and private actors *actually* take in global lawmaking and the contribution of legal norms to facilitating or constraining the lawmaking process. And it helps frame important questions for later work about both the is and the ought of global governance.

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