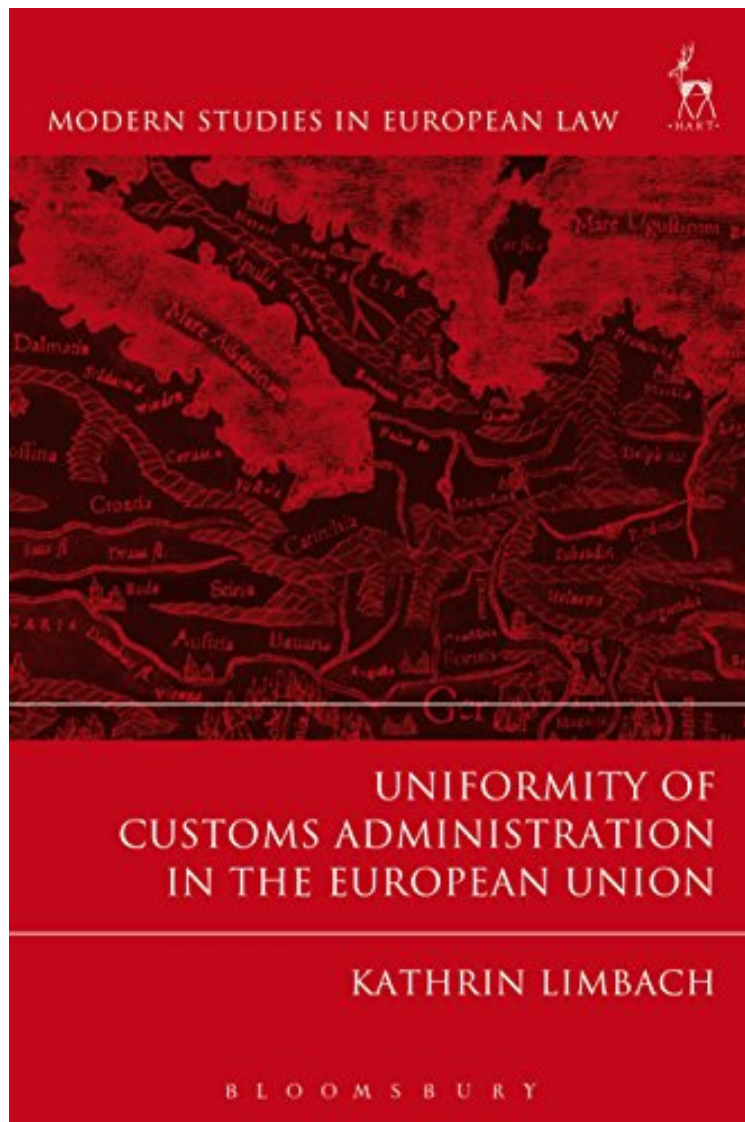


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CASE FOR CUSTOMS REFORM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION Von Phillip Taylor MBETHE CASE FOR CUSTOMS REFORM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION THE COMPLEXITIES AND THE LEGAL POSITIONAn appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersInternational lawyers and certainly academics grappling with the complexities and often the uncertainties of customs law within the European Union will certainly welcome this new book from the Hart Publishing imprint of Bloomsbury.Thanks to her detailed, thorough and copious research, the author Kathrin Limbach painstakingly constructs a substantially supported and therefore convincing case for as the title indicates -- uniformity of customs administration in the EU.One could infer that the aim here is the standardization, or you could call it -- the harmonisation of EU customs law throughout the EU, which, in the fullness of time, might lead to the eventual harmonization of European law in general. But as this possibility is remote at the moment (to say the least), the reform of EU customs law is the logical place to initiate the process of reform.Certainly the standardization of EU customs law would have a practical value in that it would encourage greater competitiveness and facilitate more trade, the enhancement of trading conditions being original *raison detre* of the original European Economic Community. The vision of Europe as a trading bloc is of course the main reason why the UK became an EU member state.What the book points up here is something of a paradox. On the one hand, says the author the EU is a customs union with its customs law harmonised and enacted centrally on the EU level. On the other hand, she adds, EU customs law is applied and implemented by the national customs authorities of the EU member states. Customs administration in the EU is therefore in fact, decentralized, which, as you might say, makes things tougher for the efficient functioning of the EU as a Customs Union.As reform is clearly required, the book touches on the role of the WTO (World Trade Organisation) of which the EU is a member -- and which could conceivably challenge the current status quo. In the meantime, decision makers in this area need detailed guidance and solid information on, for example, the relevant decision-making processes and procedures implemented by the national customs authorities in the EU. In this respect the book excels, with its detailed discussions of tools, mechanisms and strategies.Part III of the book is especially interesting, calling as it does, for a modernized customs code and an electronic customs initiative as part of a reformed European IT strategy, the facilitation of global trade and greater economic prosperity being the aims in view.Practitioners and indeed anyone charged with the analysis or interpretation of EU customs law will no doubt find this timely treatise extremely useful. When in particular you consider the extensive footnoting and the twenty page bibliography, we feel that the book functions admirably as a rich resource of recent and current research.The publication date is cited as at 2015.

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