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Due process in antitrust enforcement has become a hot topic. In mid-2019, distinguished multilateral organizations, such as the International Competition Network (ICN) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), have taken actions to strengthen the embrace of stronger procedural protections and transparency worldwide. In such an environment, the new book on Antitrust Procedural Fairness, edited by D. Daniel Sokol and Andrew T. Guzman, is a welcome addition to the literature. The volume contains fourteen chapters that provide a compelling justification for strengthening procedural protections and an analysis of procedural fairness in the U.S., EU, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, India, Brazil, Australia, and Canada, including a chapter by this author.

A book that attempts to cover so many different legal systems faces inevitable challenges, although the editors do attempt provide some common structure to the analysis. Four of the country chapters follow a similar structure, covering legal representation, notice of the charges and evidence, engagement between the parties and the investigative staff, and checks and balances, both within the agency and through judicial review. The result is a timely volume that simultaneously captures much of the richness and variety of different countries’ approaches to procedural fairness, while simultaneously emphasizing the universality of key aspects of due process.

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