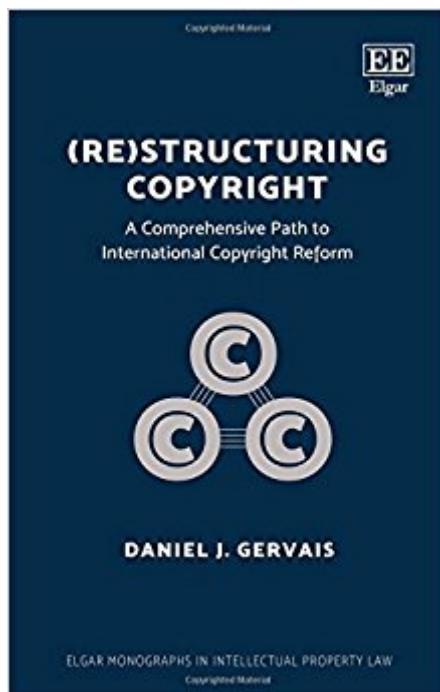


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(Re)structuring Copyright: A Comprehensive Path To International Copyright Reform (Elgar Monographs In Intellectual Property Law Series)



Synopsis

As the Internet continues to alter our online world, the structure of copyright in its current form becomes inadequate and unfit for purpose. In this bold and persuasive work, Daniel Gervais argues that the international copyright system is in need of a root and branch rethink. This ambitious and far-reaching book sets out to diagnose in some detail the problems faced by copyright, before eloquently mapping out a path for comprehensive and structured reform. This book's main objectives are to identify structural and other deficiencies within the current system, and to outline a structured approach to copyright reform. Part I of the book is thus diagnostic in nature, Part II offers detailed and concrete pathways to improve the current system, whilst in the Epilogue, a clear path to revise the Berne Convention is proposed. Contributing a reasoned and novel voice to a debate that is all too often driven by ignorance and partisan self-interest, this book will be required reading for all copyright scholars and practitioners with an interest in the future direction of the field.

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A BOLD AND PERSUASIVE STATEMENT ON THE CHANGING FACE OF COPYRIGHT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURYAn appreciation by Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers and Phillip Taylor MBE of *Ã¢ÂœThe BarristerÃ¢Â* This book represents a substantial call for a full reform of the system of copyright to fit the requirements of the 21st century. Daniel Gervais writes that *Ã¢Âœthe current lack of equilibrium and the deficient structure of copyright results, in part, from a process of historical changes and accretions to the list of copyright Ã¢ÂœrightsÃ¢Â* and in part from a lack of clarity as to its purpose.*Ã¢Â* So, for many people, this call for a review cannot come too quickly because of the massive problems which have been thrown up by the changes we have seen in what we call *Ã¢Âœinformation technologyÃ¢Â*. Frankly speaking, many of us have not treated this subject seriously enough*Ã¢Â* Gervais, however, does. The biggest single headache at the moment is the internet which has changed forever our online world leading to what has been described as a structure of copyright which, in its current form, has become inadequate and, to use the phrase of the moment *Ã¢Âœunfit for purposeÃ¢Â*. We found this *Ã¢Âœbold and persuasive workÃ¢Â* by Gervais asks all the pertinent questions of the moment- many of which still remain completely ignored by many who want the current antiquated system to remain because it suits some peoples^{Ã¢Â} purposes. However, Gervais submits that *Ã¢Âœthe international copyright system is in need of a root and branch rethinkÃ¢Â* and how right he is. In essence, he aims *Ã¢Âœto inform the debate about the future of copyright and its influence on human creativityÃ¢Â*, especially with the advances in artificial intelligence. And, yes, it^{Ã¢Â}s rightly an *Ã¢Âœambitious and far-reaching bookÃ¢Â* where the author *Ã¢Âsets out to diagnose in some detail the problems faced by copyright, before eloquently mapping out a path for comprehensive and structured reformÃ¢Â*. Frankly it remains a welcome read for all involved in copyright matters, professional or lay people, and unrepresented parties with a problem. The main objectives are set out by the author *Ã¢Âto identify structural and other deficiencies within the current system, and to outline a structured approach to copyright reformÃ¢Â*. He does just that and it is a jolly good read with much

commendable detail. The (Re)structuring Copyright is set out in the following way: Part I is diagnostic in nature whilst Part II offers detailed and concrete pathways to improve the current system; whilst in the Epilogue, a clear recommendation to revise the Berne Convention is proposed. Gervais likes the word 'pathways'! And Gervais also gives us a reasoned and novel voice to a copyright debate (we can all 'win' that is all too often driven by ignorance and partisan self-interest. We agree that it should be required reading for all copyright scholars, advisers and practitioners with an interest in the way in which the subject of copyright can be developed in the near future. The book was published in 2017 and it is available as a book, online and as an ebook.

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