

Book Reviews

Glenn Patmore, *Choosing the Republic* (UNSW Press, 2009) 256 pages

“This is the best book on this topic to have appeared for a decade”

Professor John Power, *Australian Journal of Public Administration* (2010) 69 (1) *AJPA*, 107

“Patmore writes as a good teacher should. He is always measured and balanced, and he takes the reader through the issues on a step by step basis. He is careful and always respectful of the current Westminster system. While he is a declared republican, not only should he not upset monarchists but they should find this book instructive about the present constitutional system. He also recognises the importance of political leadership and does not excuse leaders of their responsibilities.”

Professor John Warhurst, *Journal of Australian Studies* (2011) 35 (3) *JAS*, 407

“In this clearly written, quietly passionate and useful book, Patmore stresses the need to learn from 1999.”

Fiona Capp, *The Age* (2009) 15 April 2009, 42.

“Choosing the Republic is a valuable and insightful contribution to the debate.”

Nick Bryant, *The Australian* (2009) 4 November 2009, 4.

“Choosing the Republic will revive and rejuvenate the flagging Australian debate about our political organisation. Glenn Patmore examines the implications of various republican proposals in a balanced way, navigating the constitutional complexities deftly. The book is a carefully reasoned analysis of the history, philosophy and legal context of republicanism and brings a refreshing clarity to this contested area.”

Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Australian Research Council Federation Fellow and Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice at the Australian national University (Back Cover, *Choosing the Republic*)

“This is a detailed account of the Australian republican movement and a valuable contribution to an important national debate.”

Attorney-General, The Hon Robert McClelland MP (Front Cover, *Choosing the Republic*)

Glenn Patmore and Kim Rubenstein (ANU) (eds), *Law and Democracy: Contemporary Questions* (ANU Press, 2014) 182 pages

“...a very interesting collection of well written scholarly chapters, on a topic that deserves continued attention.”

First Anonymous Referee, *‘Law and Democracy Contemporary Questions’: Referees’ Report 2014*

“I have no hesitation in recommending this edited collection for publication. ... The essays collected include both doctrinal research and research that examines the intersection of law, politics, culture and social organisation... The mix of approaches is refreshing.”

Second Anonymous Referee, *‘Law and Democracy Contemporary Questions’: Referees’ Report 2014*