In Search Of Open Skies: Law And Policy For A New Era In International Aviation
European Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock praises this book as `an important contribution' to the open skies debate in international aviation, noting that it `breaks new ground' in its comparative treatment of US and EU airline deregulation. The book exposes the anticompetitive bias of the archaic regime of bilateral air transport treaties launched over fifty years ago at Chicago. Repudiating bilateralism, it interweaves the successes and limitations of the US and EU air transport liberalization programs to define a 21st century multilateral open skies solution that, in Commissioner Kinnock’s view, poses `intellectual challenges to all of us whose professional mission is the evolution of new law and policy for the international air transport industry.’ This is the first full-length study of the world airline industry to evaluate: the new American international aviation policy; the European Commission’s controversial campaign for a mandate to enter multilateral air transport negotiations with the US; code-sharing and global airline alliances; the findings of important industry studies by the US presidential airline commission and the EU’s Comité des Sages. A major feature of Professor Havel’s analysis is his unprecedented use of the unpublished transcripts and archival materials of the blue-ribbon US presidential panel. The book is intended for an academic and professional audience, in both the United States and Europe, interested in the complex legal and policy issues that currently affect the world’s most visible service industry.

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