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A Matter of Interpretation—Antonin Scalia 2018-01-30 We are all familiar with the image of the immensely clever judge who can deflect arguments with ease and build a case for the defendant. This is a straw man. Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia, a judge like this can maneuver through earlier cases to achieve the desired aim—stymieing one prior case on his left, straight-arming another on his right, high-stepping away from another precedent about to tackle him from the rear, until (finally) he reaches the goal—good law. *But* this is a common-law mindset, which is appropriate in its place, suitable also in statutory and constitutional interpretation. In a witty and trenchant essay, Justice Scalia answers this question with a resounding negative. In exploring the neglected art of statutory interpretation, Scalia argues that judges resist the temptation to use legislative intent and legislative history. In his view, it is incompatable with democratic government to allow the meaning of a statute to be determined by what the judges think the lawmakers meant rather than by what the lawmakers actually promulgated. Encouraging the judicial lawmaking that is the essence of common law, judges should interpret statutes and regulations by focusing on the text itself. Scalia then extends this principle to constitutional law. He proposes that we abandon the notion of an everlasting Constitution and pay attention to the Constitution's original meaning. Although not subscribing to the "strict constructionists" that would prevent applying the Constitution to modern circumstances, Scalia emphatically rejects the idea that judges can properly "empower" in new rights or deny old rights by using the Due Process Clause, for instance. In fact, such judicial discretion might lead to the destruction of the Bill of Rights if a majority of the judges ever wished to reach that most undesirable of goals. This essay is followed by four commentaries by Professors Gordon Wood, Laurence Tribe, Mary Ann Glendon, and Ronald Dworkin, who engage Justice Scalia's ideas about judicial interpretation from varying standpoints. In the spirit of debate, Justice Scalia responds to these critics. Featuring a new foreword that discusses Scalia's impact, Jurisprudence, and legacy, this witty and trenchant exchange illuminates the brilliance of one of the most influential legal minds of our time.

Thinking Like a Lawyer—Frederick Schauer 2011-04-02 Suitable for law students and upper-level undergraduates, this primer on legal reasoning covers rules, precedent, authority, analogical reasoning, the common law, statutory interpretation, legal realism, judicial opportunism, legal facts, and burdens of proof.

Towards a Chinese Civil Code—2012-11-13 Currently, China is drafting its new Civil Code. Against this background, this book examines the Chinese legal system and provides a progress report from around the world. "Towards a Chinese Civil Code" aims at providing the necessary historical and comparative legal perspectives needed for a global perspective on Chinese legal development. The book addresses the following topics: property law, contract law, tort law and civil procedure.

The Constitutionalist Revolution—Alan C. Berman 2006-08-17 An innovative account of English constitutional ideas from the mid-fifteenth century to the time of Charles I, showing how the emergence of grand claims for common law rights and liberties swept aside the tradition of the Tudor system. The book demonstrates that the king does not neglect the role of narrowly religious disagreements, Berman brings out the way that ‘religion’ and ‘secular’ values came to be closely intertwined. To the majority of Charles’s subjects, the rights of the clergy and the king were legal rights; the institutional structure of Church and state was an expression of monarchical power. The legal dimension added to the religious dimension of royal power.

Codified and Judge Made Law—J. G. Sauerbrunn 1982

Comparative, International, and Global Justice—Cynthia Enloe 2015-09-23 Comparative, International and Global Justice: Perspectives from Criminology and Criminal Justice presents and critically assesses a wide range of topics relevant to criminology, criminal justice and global justice. The text is divided into three parts: comparative criminal justice, international criminal justice, and transnational and global criminality. Within each field are located specific topics which the authors regard as currently important and highly relevant and that will assist students in gaining a fuller appreciation of global justice issues. Authors Cynthia Enloe and James Baker address these complex global issues using a scholarly but accessible approach, often using detailed case studies. The discussions of each topic is a comprehensive contextual account that explains the social context in which law and crime exist and engages with questions of explanation or the authors. The authors challenge students to gain knowledge of international and comparative criminal justice issues and think about them in a critical manner. It has become difficult to ignore the global and international dimensions of criminal justice and criminology and this text aims to enhance criminal justice education by focusing on some of the issues engaging criminology worldwide, and to prepare students for a future where fields of study like transnational crimes are unexceptional.

International Sales Law—Lawrence M. Lucas 2014-02-17 This book brings together the top international sales law scholars from twenty-three countries to review the Convention on Contracts for International Sale of Goods (CISG) and its role in the uniﬁcation of global sales law. It reviews the substance of CISG rules and analyzes alternative interpretations. A comparative analysis is given of how countries have accepted, interpreted, and applied CISG. The book includes eight chapters on uniform law, the CISG's role in bridging the gap between the common and civil legal traditions, and the debate over good faith in CISG jurisprudence. The book review case law relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of the CISG analyses how it has been recognized and implemented by national courts and arbitral tribunals, offers insights into problems of uniformity of application of an international sales convention; compares the CISG with the English Sale of Goods Act and places it in the context of other texts of UNICTRAL, and analyzes the CISG from the practitioner's perspective.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica—Hugh Chisholm 1911

The Oxford Handbook of Criminal Process—Darryl K. Brown 2019-02-22 This volume explores the topics and issues in the field of criminal process, including the laws, institutions, and procedures that determine how the law deals with crimes committed and the punishment of those who commit them. This handbook addresses how to conduct effective criminal investigations, how to handle cases, and how to safeguard the rights of the accused. It covers topics such as searches for evidence. It continues through trial or some alternative form of adjudication such as plea bargaining that may lead to conviction and punishment, and it includes post-conviction events such as appeals and various procedures for addressing miscarriages of justice. Across more than 80 chapters, this handbook provides a comprehensive and accurate account of the field of criminal process.

Transnational Law—Philip C. Jessup 1956

Of the rights of things—William Blackstone 1799

Leviathan—Thomas Hobbes 2011-02-09 Written by one of the founders of modern political philosophy, Thomas Hobbes, during the English civil war, Leviathan is an influential work of nonfiction. Regarded as one of the earliest examples of the social contract theory, Leviathan has both historical and philosophical importance. Social contract theory prioritizes the state over the individual, claiming that individuals have consented to the surrender of some of their freedoms by participating in society. These surrendered freedoms help ensure that the government can be run successfully. In exchange for their sacrifices, the individual is protected and given a place in a steady social order. Articulating this theory, Hobbes argues for a strong, undivided government ruled by an absolute sovereign. To support his argument, Hobbes includes topics of religion, human nature and taxation. Separated into four sections, Hobbes claims his theory to be the resolution of the civil war that raged on as he wrote, creating chaos and taking casualties. The first section, Of Man discusses the role human nature and influence, implications, types, and rules of succession in a commonwealth government. Of a Christian Commonwealth imagines the religion's role government and societal moral standards. Finally, Hobbes closes his argument with Of the Kingdom of Darkness. Through the use of philosophical theory and historical study, Thomas Hobbes attempts to convince citizens to consider the cost and reward of being governed. Without an understanding of the sociopolitical theories that keep government powers in power, societies can easily become corrupt or lose society to slip into anarchy. Created during a brutal civil war, Hobbes hoped to educate and persuade his peers. Though Leviathan was a work of controversy in its time, Hobbes's theories and prose have survived century after century, shaping the ideas of modern philosophy. This edition of Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes is now presented with a stunning new cover design and is printed in an easy-to-read font. With these accommodations, Leviathan is accessible and applicable to contemporary readers.

Contract Law—Claire-Michele Smyth 2018-06-09 This book will undertake a comprehensive but accessible survey and critical analysis of two of the major legal systems of the world, the Common law and Civil law traditions, through the prism of the law of contract. As businesses become increasingly international it can be essential to understand the different legal systems in one which can be operating. This publication seeks to give the student an essential overview of these differences. Contract law is one of the most important areas of private law for businesses in both consumer and commercial contracts. When international commercial contracts are concluded, the provisions set out in UNIDRT will apply. However, when a company is operating within another state of the laws of that state will apply to both personal and commercial contracts entered into. This book will examine the differences in the formation, conclusion and interpretation of contracts in major Civil law (European) and Common law (UK, Canada and Australian) jurisdictions. There will also be an overview of the EU regulation on the laws of contracts and a brief consideration of hybrid systems (i.e., Scotland and Louisiana).


A Matter of Interpretation—Elizabeth Mac Donald 2021-06 It's 13th-century Europe and a young monk, Michael Scot, has been asked by the Holy Roman Emperor to translate the works of Aristotle and recover his "lost" knowledge. Aiming to set his task, traveling from the Emperor's Italian court to the translation schools of Toledo and from there to the Moorish library of Córdoba. But when the Pope deems the translations heretical, the Scot refuses to desert. So begins a battle for power between Church and State—on which has shaped how we view the world today.

Institutional Competition between Common Law and Civil Law—Michèle Schim銤owicz 2014-05-27 This book addresses two countering challenges to theory and policy in law and economics. The first is the rise of legal origins theory, which denounces the comparative law view of convergence between common law and civil law by the assertion of an economic superiority of the common law. The second is the series of economic crises in the very financial markets on which that assertion was based. Both trends unsettle certainties about the rule of law and institutional economics. Meeting legal origins theory in its main areas of political science, sociology and economics, the book attempts to convince citizens to consider the cost and reward of being governed. Without an understanding of the sociopolitical theories that keep government powers in power, societies can easily become corrupt or lose society to slip into anarchy. Created during a brutal civil war, Hobbes hoped to educate and persuade his peers. Though Leviathan was a work of controversy in its time, Hobbes's theories and prose have survived century after century, shaping the ideas of modern philosophy. This edition of Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes is now presented with a stunning new cover design and is printed in an easy-to-read font. With these accommodations, Leviathan is accessible and applicable to contemporary readers.

The Civil Law Tradition—John Henry Merryman 2007-05-21 This is a concise history and analysis of the civil law tradition, which is dominant in most of Europe, all of Latin America, and many parts of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. This new edition deals with recent significant events and current issues. It offers contemporary critical or analytical perspectives on those subjects by leading scholars in the field. Topics covered include history, procedure, investigation, prosecution, evidence, adjudication, and appeal.