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All the books translated into English follow the original French text as well as a standard format. In this way, the books expose the reader to the fundamental features and foundations of a variety of legal systems that make up what has become known as "continental law."

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The guiding purpose behind this Series is to present a comparative law survey of a variety of legal systems in such a way that the reader will be able to cross the confining frontiers of his own legal

system to better understand it and to find in other legal systems reasons and grounds to modify and, possibly, to improve its own legal system.

[*Editors' note*: every book written in French is translated in the country of origin, be it in the Netherlands, Romania, France The Editors' task is to bring cohesion and uniformity to the English texts submitted to them.]

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