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## ***The Russell Long Chair and CCLS Newsletter***

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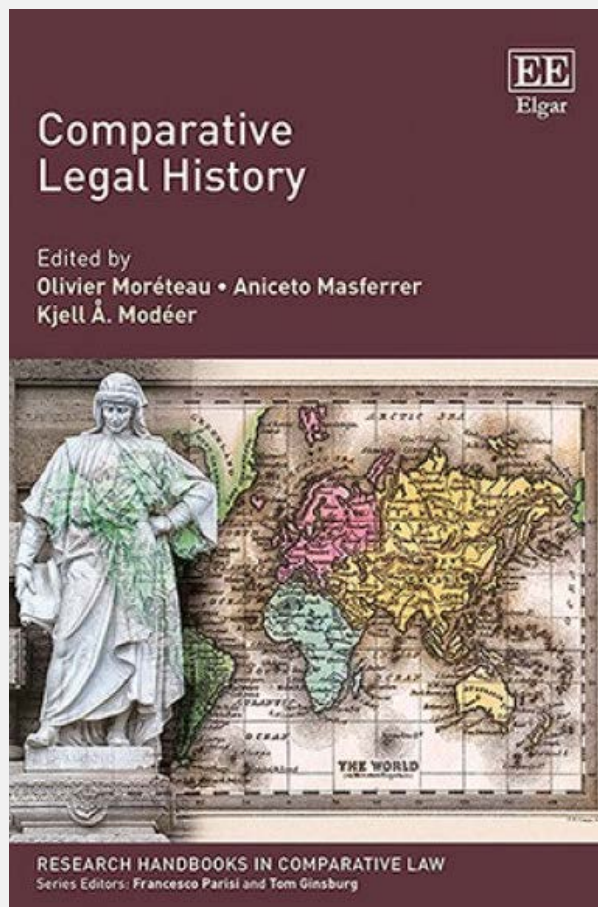
***Journal of Civil Law Studies, Volume 11, Number 2***



With the publication of Number 2, Volume 11 of the Journal of Civil Law Studies (2018) is now complete. This issue contains rich articles addressing legal transplants in general with alchemistic metaphors and in the context of 19th century Poland, interaction between national legal systems from an economic perspective, and data ownership. It also includes a discussion on recent developments of medical liability in Italy (Civil Law in the World), several case notes (Civil Law in Louisiana), and a translation of the Preliminary Discourse to the Teatro of the universal legislation of Spain, with an introductory essay demonstrating its relevance to the study of the Louisiana Civil Code (Rediscovered Treasures of Louisiana Law). [Click here to access the Journal of Civil Law Studies.](#)

The Journal of Civil Law Studies welcomes submissions for volumes 12 and 13.

## **Comparative Legal History**



**Olivier MORÉTEAU, Aniceto MASFERRER, and Kjell A. MODÉER, eds., Comparative Legal History [Research Handbooks in Comparative Law series] (London: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019). ISBN 9781781955215, £175.50**

Edward Elgar is publishing a research handbook on comparative legal history.

### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

Is comparative legal history an emerging discipline or a much-needed dialogue between two academic subjects? This research handbook presents the field in a uniquely holistic way, and illustrates how comparative law and legal history are inextricably related.

Cementing a solid theoretical grounding for the discipline, legal historians and comparatists place this subject at the forefront of legal science. Comprehensive in coverage, this handbook collates theory and method for comparative legal history, as well as discussing international legal sources and judicial and civil institutions. Particular attention is paid to custom and codification, contracts, civil procedure and ownership. By assessing the evolution of law across European, Asian, African and American environments from the pre-modern era to the nine-

teenth century, the chapters provide stimulating and enlightening cases of legal history through a comparative lens.

A centerpiece for this field of scholarship, this research handbook will be an essential resource for scholars interested in comparative law, legal theory and legal history, from both legal and social science backgrounds.

### **ABOUT THE EDITORS**

Edited by Olivier Moréteau, Louisiana State University, U.S.; Aniceto Masferrer, University of Valencia, Spain; and Kjell A. Modéer, University of Lund, Sweden. [View Table of Contents.](#)

## ***The French Civil Code and Louisiana on the German Public Radio***

On February 2, 2019, the German Public Radio SWR2 aired a program on Napoleon, as 2019 marks the 250th anniversary of his birth. A segment featured the French Code civil and its ongoing influence in Louisiana, with interviews of Bryan Fischer, attorney in Baton Rouge, and Prof. Olivier Moréteau. Here are links to the [whole program](#) and to the [five-minute Civil Code segment](#).

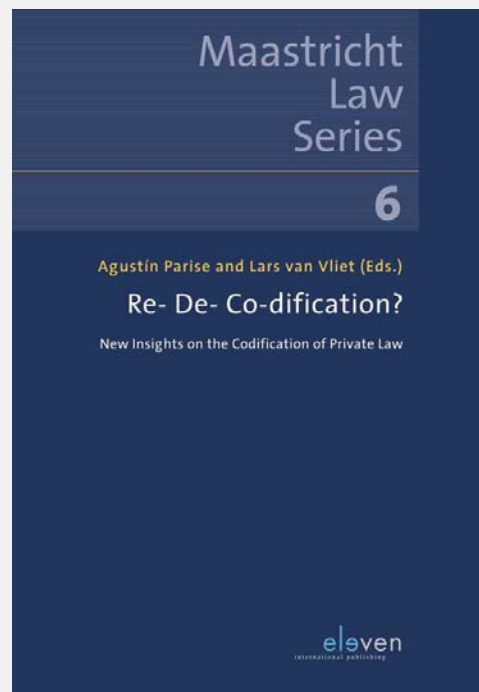
## ***A New Book on Codification***

**Re- De- Co-dification?**

**New Insights on the Codification of Private Law**

**Agustín Parise and Lars van Vliet (Eds.)**

Is it time for jurisdictions to undertake recodification, decodification, or even codification of their private laws? This volume addresses this recurring question in legal science by presenting recent developments and new perspectives on the codification of private law from a comparative law viewpoint. Contributions in this volume explore how jurisdictions from America, Asia and Europe currently stand regarding codification and help generate awareness on different paths, yet also of common grounds. Codification exceeds jurisdictional borders, and therefore the experiences presented in this volume should be seen as part of a global phenomenon. Jurisdictions do not evolve in isolation, since the circulation of ideas – often present in transplantation or normative transfers – is able to shape codification. This volume should help assess the virtues and weaknesses of codification, thus offering insights into the status of a paradigm that stretches across the globe.



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## ***Four Distinguished French Scholars Discuss the 2016 French Revision of Contractual Obligations***

The Louisiana Chapter of the Association Henri Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française invited four distinguished French law professors to present on the French reform of the law of obligations, the first comprehensive revision of time-honored titles of the French Civil Code that had remained largely untouched since their enactment in 1804. Professors Bernard Haftel (University of Paris XIII), Jean-Christophe Roda (University of Lyon III), and Michel Séjean (University of South Brittany) presented at LSU first to the faculty and then to the students of Prof. Alain Levasseur's Law of Obligations class, to be joined the next day by Prof. Mustapha Mekki (University of Paris XIII) where all four presented at the Supreme Court of Louisiana in New Orleans.



*Prof. Roda, Séjean, and Haftel*



The event, coordinated by Prof. Randy Trahan, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and President of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association Capitant, attracted a record audience, particularly in New Orleans on March 15, 2019. Both the Capitant Chapter and the LSU CCLS will work towards strengthening this most promising cooperation in the months and years to come.

## ***Prof. Olivier Moréteau and Lécia Vicente Presented at the 14th Annual International Conference on Contracts***



Tulane University School of Law hosted the 14th Annual International Conference on Contracts (KCON XIV), the largest annual scholarly and educational conference devoted to contracts and related areas of commercial law. A panel session was devoted to the 2016 revision of the law of obligations in the French Civil Code. Prof. Olivier Moréteau, presented on "Remedies for Nonperformance: A Needed Clarification" and Prof. Lécia Vicente (see picture on the left), on "The Systemic Effects of the French Civil Code Reform: France, Portugal, and Louisiana Compared."

## ***Prof. Santiago Legarre from Argentina Visited to Teach Comparative Constitutional Law***

From January 29 to February 14, 2019, Prof. Santiago Legarre of the Catholic University of Buenos Aires visited LSU Law as part of the Distinguished Global Visitors Program. He taught a one-credit Comparative Constitutional Law class, visiting issues from a natural law perspective. On February 4, 2019, he presented on "Teaching Law in South America, Africa, and the United States: A Comparative Adventure," engaging into a lively conversation with the faculty.

