



The Effect of Globalization on the Interactions among Legal Systems: Case Studies

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At a time when many of the problems facing the world increasingly require coordinated solutions and more interaction among legal and political systems, these sorts of problems cannot plausibly be addressed solely within one legal system.

Yet, we see resistance to global governance or universalistic solutions. Indeed, an emphasis on the global might seem to give insufficient attention to the local affiliations and emotional attachments people at least sometimes hold onto most assiduously. Or universalism might be seen to trample on the ideal of diversity altogether.

Thus, the legal challenge of our time is how to build mechanisms for engagement among legal, political, or cultural systems. We must create what David Held has called “the ethical and political space.” What we need are institutions, procedures, and practices that allow for dialogue and cooperation under conditions of diversity.

This special issue seeks to collect case studies: analyze specific efforts to manage the interaction of legal systems by building pluralism and dialogue among multiple communities into legal mechanisms and the effectiveness and multiple impact of such efforts.





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