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- coverage of both common law and civil law jurisdictions
- attention to the diversity of legal cultures and systems on four continents
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