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**Droit privé comparé**

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**“Private Law” and the Common-Law Tradition**

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A Brief Excursus on the Comparison of Laws.

*Adams v. New Jersey Steamboat Co.*, 45 N.E. 369 (N.Y. 1896).

*McBoyle v. United States*, 43 F.2d 273 (10th Cir. 1930), 283 U.S. 25 (1931).

*Rowe v. Herman*, [1997] 1 W.L.R. 1390 (C.A.).

*Penny v. Wimbledon Urban District Council*, [1899] 2 Q.B. 72 (C.A.).

Civ. 3rd, 17 December 1997, D.1998.111.

*Fitzpatrick v. Stirling Housing Association*, [2001] 1 A.C. 27 (H.L.).

*Lloyds Bank Ltd v. Bundy*, [1975] 1 Q.B. 326 (C.A.).

*National Westminster Bank v. Morgan*, [1985] 1 A.C. 686 (H.L.).

**Assessment**

A final take-home examination will be assigned on the occasion of the last meeting. By way of reply to the question that will be set, students will be invited to offer a personal and critical perspective featuring apt reference to course materials. Students will have three weeks to research and write their essay, which can be typed in English or French and must number 3000 words (inclusive of all references). The mark will count as the final grade for the course.