

Summaries

The Global Economy of Crime

PER OLE JOHANSEN

Over the last 10-15 years criminal networks have become international in such a way, that we at the beginning of the new millennium face a criminal, global economy, which has some very negative consequences for democracy and international trade – to an extent that we have never witnessed before.

This is the picture Manuel Castells draws in "The Informationage", volume III, "End of Millennium", chapter 3. One can agree or disagree with this position, but one way or

the other, such generalisations are a starting point for a discussion on the international aspects of organized and economic crime.

First of all the historic aspect is of interest. According to Castells we are dealing with a new historical creation when it comes to "quality" and dimensions, but is that really so? Secondly Catells draws a simplified picture of active international criminals and passive victimised tradesmen, but international research introduces light and shade into this discussion.

Legal Families in Comparative Law – Are They of Any Real Use?

JAAKKO HUSA

This article highlights the methodological value of legal families in micro-comparative law. The author attempts to offer a preliminary theoretical answer to the question of what legal families in fact are when seen from methodological point of view.

The author claims that legal families should be conceived as Weberian "ideal-types". This means that a legal family is not

the empirically corresponding description of a group of legal systems, but a conceptual device which provides methods for such description. As "ideal types", legal families are advantageous for enhancing comparative legal studies. Legal families also have a definite methodological role in the research-process of comparative law.

Communitarianism, Traditionalism and African Political Thought

SIRKKU K. HELLSTEN

The article discusses an African attempt to redefine democratic values in traditionalist communitarian terms in order to create a political order in which democratic and socialist principles could go hand in hand. It

analyzes how the communitarian interpretation of democratic ideals with the focus on tradition is reflected in practice by discussing its influence in the Tanzanian constitutional development.

"The argumentative structure of the EU-court's decisions on sexual discrimination"

KARIN LUNDSTRÖM

With post-structural linguistics as a tool the author has analysed approximately 140 cases from the European Court of Justice concerning sexual discrimination. The analysis of the argumentation of the Court shows that its logic is the same as that which has given rise to the discrimination that is to be abolished. The reason for this is that the Court transforms the essential legal notions of direct/ indirect discrimination and

formal/ substantial equality into sex-coded hierarchically organized dichotomies. The article also contains a brief introduction to post-structural linguistics, the terminology of anti-discrimination law and to the comprehensive legal field of sexual equality in EU law. The article is based on the author's Swedish doctoral thesis, which is titled "Jämlikhet mellan kvinnor och män i EG-rätten", (1999) Iustus, Uppsala.

Argumentationsstrukturen i EU-domstolens mål om könsdiskriminering

PIA JUSTESEN

This paper examines the character of the case law from the enforcement and tre-

aty body of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial

Discrimination. The paper seeks to clarify which level of authority and impact the case law from this Committee (CERD) has on and within Danish law. According to the "practical monism approach" the case law should be considered as a legal source being normative for the interpretation of Danish

law. In the paper it is argued that the case law of the CERD dealing with Danish situations in reality has a limited impact in Denmark. The case law is simply not exposed to any particular follow-up by relevant Danish authorities.

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