Law schools, by their very nature, tend to think locally, not globally. This book has a broader scope, both in terms of the range of nations and offers a succinct journey through law schools on different continents and subject matters. It covers education, research, impact and societal outreach, and governance. It illustrates that law schools throughout the world have much in common in terms of values, duties, challenges, ambitions and hopes. It provides insights into these aspirations, whilst presenting a thought-provoking discussion for a more global agenda on the future of law schools.

Written from a perspective of a former dean, the book offers a unique understanding of the challenges facing legal education and research.

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Education, Research, Outreach and Governance

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Hans (1958–1997)
Great brother, passionate lawyer
Trois degrés d’élévation du pôle renversent toute la jurisprudence. Un méridien décide de la vérité; en peu d’années de possession, les lois fondamentales changent; le droit à ses époques. L’entrée de Saturne au Lion nous marque l’origine d’un tel crime. Plaisante justice qu’une rivière borné! Vérité au deçà des Pyrénées, erreur au delà.

Blaise Pascal, *Les pensées* (1669)

Three degrees of latitude reverse all jurisprudence; a meridian decides the truth. Fundamental laws change after a few years of possession; right has its epochs; the entry of Saturn into the Lion marks to us the origin of such and such a crime. A strange justice that is bounded by a river! Truth on this side of the Pyrenees, error on the other side.

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