

Preface

This book evolved out of a conference organized in May 2000 at the University of Corsica, under the auspices of the European Association of Law and Economics. Scholars invited to give papers were given *carte blanche*, but were asked to revise their contributions after the conference discussions. We present here a selection of them. They reflect the current research on the subject, unified by the same concern, namely understanding the law and economics dimension of European integration. They also show a diversity of opinions that we did not try to smooth. Underlying many contributions are strong preferences as to what the *jus commune* will be or should be in the future. This gives a wide-ranging approach to a most important subject.

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