In this lecture, firstly the concept of ‘legal culture’ will be defined (‘culture’ vs ‘tradition’, ‘stability’ vs ‘change’). Some tensions will be discussed that may be found within or among European legal systems or cultures: (a) Private Law – Public Law, (b) Domestic Law – European Law, (c) Substantive Law – Procedural Law, (d) “Social” Law – Free Market Liberalism, (e) Common Law – Civil Law. There will be a focus on developments towards the Europeanisation and globalisation of law: (a) Legal Monism vs Legal Pluralism, (b) Europeanisation & Harmonisation of Law, (c) European Legal Cultures in a Globalising World.

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