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European Legal Cultures & Globalisation

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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.

MARK VAN HOECKE studied law, philosophy and eastern European Studies and earned his Ph. D. at the University of Ghent in 1979. He worked as an advocate in Ghent, as an assistant professor and as a professor at the University of Antwerp. From 1982 to 2008 he was professor of law at the *Katholieke Universiteit Brussel*, of which he was the rector from 2002 till 2007. During the academic year 2001-2002 he was a visiting professor at the European University Institute in Florence. He is currently research professor at both Ghent and Tilburg Universities. He is together with François Ost, director of the European Academy of Legal Theory. From 13 February till 12 May 2010 he is the *2010 Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence Distinguished Visiting Professor* at the University of Sydney.

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