

# Public Lecture—Do Legal Transplants 'Work'?

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## Do Legal Transplants 'Work'?

**Professor Mathias Siems | European University Institute | Italy**

Fifty years ago, Alan Watson's 'Legal Transplants: An Approach to Comparative Law' was published. Since then, the use of the term 'legal transplants' has grown considerably, particularly in recent years. The literature has also broadened the scope of analysis to include, for example, how legislative drafting can contribute to the design of effective legal transplants, courts' role in applying transplanted rules, and whether the different understandings of rules may challenge the notion of legal transplants.

In this lecture, Professor Mathias Siems will examine whether it can be said that legal transplants "work," discussing the current positions in the literature and presenting preliminary findings of whether or not we can be indeed optimistic about their use.

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## About Professor Mathias Siems

Mathias Siems is Professor of Private Law and Market Regulation at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. He previously taught at Durham University, the University of East Anglia, the University of Edinburgh and the Riga Graduate School of Law. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School and a Jean Monnet Fellow at the EUI. He is a graduate of the universities of Munich and Edinburgh. His publications cover a wide range of topics in the fields of comparative law, corporate and securities law, private international law, law & economics, and empirical legal studies.

