

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A graduate of the University of Oxford and the Sorbonne, Professor Dr. Dr. Pierre Legrand teaches law at the Sorbonne where he acts as director of the postgraduate programme in comparative legal studies. He also teaches as Visiting Professor at the University of San Diego Law School and as Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School. In addition, he teaches every year in Romania and China. Prior to settling in France, Professor Legrand, a Canadian, taught for twelve years in Canada, England, and the Netherlands. In the course of his academic career, Professor Legrand has lectured in more than twenty countries and held visiting professorships at various universities including Toronto, McGill, Uppsala, and Cambridge. He has also been a visiting fellow at the Max-Planck Institute in Hamburg and acted as Distinguished Visitor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Professor Legrand publishes in English and French. His work has been translated in various other languages. Professor Legrand teaches and writes in the field of comparative legal studies with specific reference to salient theoretical issues arising from comparative interventions. Recent representative publications include a co-edited collection, *Comparative Legal Studies: Traditions and Transitions* (Cambridge University Press, 2003) and contributions to *Nation, Language, and the Ethics of Translation* (Princeton University Press, 2005) and *Themes in Comparative Law: In Honour of Bernard Rudden* (Oxford University Press, 2002). A collection of essays featuring twenty leading comparatists from around the world will soon be published under Professor Legrand's editorship by Presses Universitaires de France as *Comparer les droits, résolument*. His edited book, *Derrida and Law*, will be released in England in June 2009. During his teaching visit at the University of Copenhagen, Professor Legrand is preparing for publication of the text of a lecture which he delivered at Yale Law School in November 2008. The paper concerns the meaning of a text with specific reference to comparative legal studies.