

the scientific reputation of legal research? Rob van Gestel mentions the delay in the adoption of evaluating standards and stresses the need to unite past established legal traditions and move beyond the dichotomy of judicial practice and academic theory.

The second part focuses on the definition of research in law. It examines how research should be conducted; whether it should be more fundamental, or delve into specific legal issues. The challenge of choosing between focusing on theory or practice comes up again, however, a call for more scientific certainty is also heard. According to Alain Papaux, research should not be limited to details as the broader issue would be lost.

The final part looks at the past experiences involved with the evaluation procedures in Europe. From future possibilities in the field of legal research in Switzerland to comparing the situations in France and Italy, as well as focusing on Austria. Through the analysis and critiques the reader can visualize what is and can happen in this field.

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Through the compilation and amassing of articles for the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, the reader is given direct insight into the workings of arbitration in the complex and intertwined relationship with national entities, as well as the difficulties and benefits of doing so. The opportunities to better facilitate this relationship - as well as the impediments to doing so - are explored methodically, interspersing discussion of ethics respective to this relationship. Procedural limitations and practices, with regards to the future of arbitration itself, are also featured, providing the reader with clear and detailed information. The combination of insights from individuals of both theory and practice substantially augment the volume's capacity to enhance the reader's understanding of the pitfalls, challenges, and successes of the past, present, and future. Moreover, the volume evokes deep discussions

of harmonizing administrative practices, policies, and related issues to benefit not only bureaucratic proceedings, but the public in general as well.

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