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Peter Hay has taught in the United States and Germany for nearly fifty-five years. Born in Berlin in 1935, he emigrated to the United States in 1953 and received his college and law school education at The University of Michigan, returning to Germany for some postgraduate legal studies in 1959. Since 1960 he has been in full-time teaching, with his first appointment as assistant professor in 1961 at the University of Pittsburgh. Subsequently he taught at the University of Illinois for twenty-eight years (where he also served as associate dean for five and as dean of the law faculty for ten years) and then at Emory University for twenty-one years, including one-year as interim dean. He holds emeritus status in both institutions.

Since the late 1960s, Peter Hay's career became "transatlantic." He regularly taught in Europe - often in Freiburg (where he became Honorarprofessor in 1975), as well as a Fulbright professor and subsequently as the Jean-Monnet Professor at the University of Bonn. From 1994–2000, and concurrently with his chair at Emory, he held the Chair for Civil Law, Foreign and Private International Law, and Comparative Law at the Technical University of Dresden, also serving as dean from 1997-2000. Since 1994, he annually teaches at Central European University in Budapest in May and June and, since 2005, at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, in September. In recognition, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany awarded him its Research Prize in 1989 and the University of Pécs (Hungary) and Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, awarded him doctorates honoris causa in 2012 and 2014, respectively. He is a titular member (by election) of the International Academy of Comparative Law, a member of the board of editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law and the European Legal Forum, and is a co-editor of the Studies in European and International Economic Law. He is a member of a number of professional associations, has been a consultant to the U.S. State Department in matters relating to the Hague Conference on Private International law, and has been an expert and consultant in private litigation.

Best known among his books are his *Law of the United States – An Overview*, the original version of which goes back to 1975 and which is now published in original English and German versions by C.H. Beck Verlag, as well as in Qingkun Xu's Chinese translation by Beijing University Press, and the treatise *Conflict of Laws* (West Publishing), of which he is now the lead co-author.

He has published many articles and book reviews. Their focus has been mainly on the Conflict of Laws (Private International Law and Procedure, both American and European) and on comparative aspects of some areas of private law. Because his career pattern involved two Continents, his contributions to the periodical literature appear in varied places, some of them not readily accessible to readers in other countries.

On the occasion of Professor Hay's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2015, the editors therefore decided to compile and publish his most important articles and book re-

effort.



We selected the articles and five book reviews included in this collection with a view to the interest a reader might have both in the topics and in the development of some of the author's ideas over the years. We did include one article that is indeed quite outdated – the article written together with the author's mentor, the late Professor Eric Stein (Michigan) - because it was one of the first comprehensive treatments of the topic in English anywhere. Articles not included appear in the complete bibliography at the end of the volume.

We arranged our selections in a few topical groups. These are necessarily somewhat arbitrary since most articles are not exclusively "comparative" or "conflicts law," but overlap. In presenting our selections, we left them in the form originally published and did not undertake to bring about any overall uniformity in terms of headings, subheading and the like.

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