



Sources of Anglo-American law

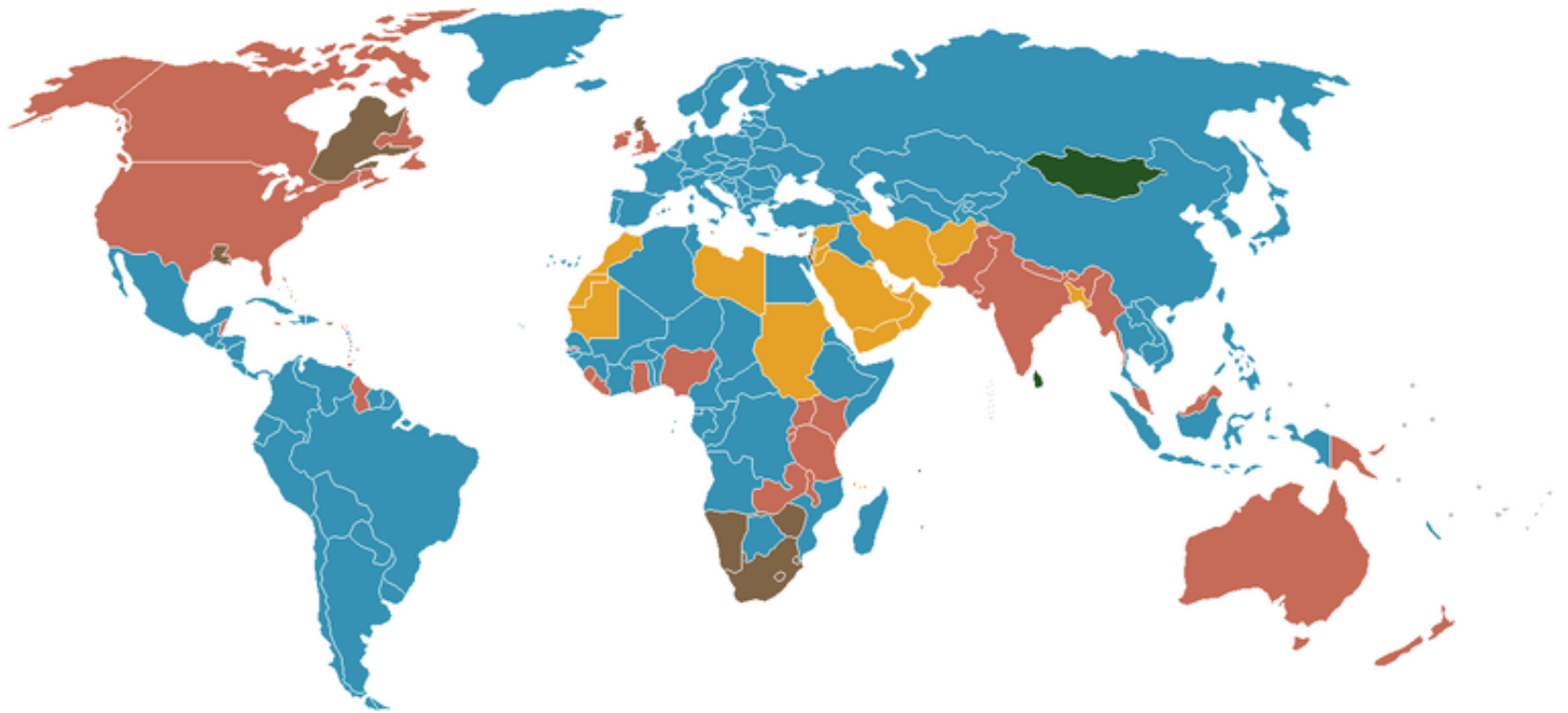
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Legal systems

- Continental law system
- Anglo-American law system
- Islamic law

Legal systems





Anglo-American law system

We distinguish two groups of sources:

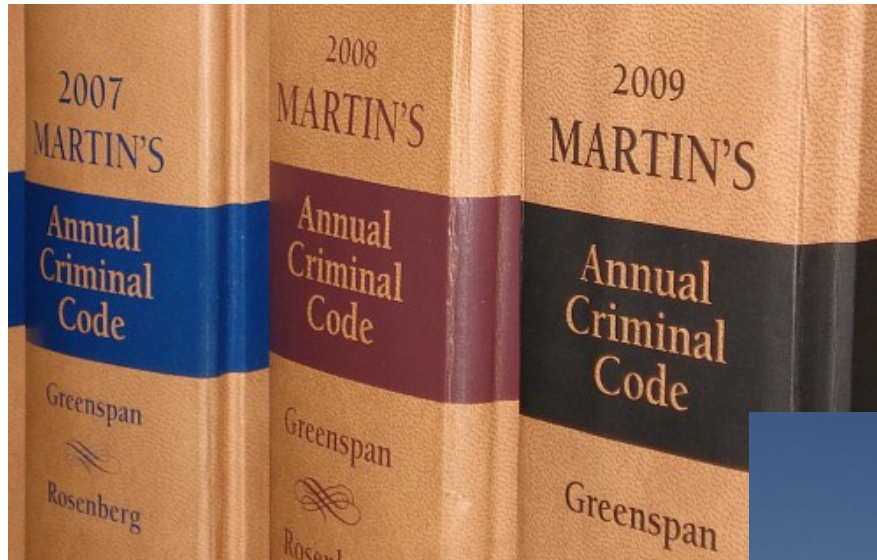
- Primary (principal) sources
 - Statutes (legislation)
 - Common law
 - Case law
- Secondary (subsidiary) sources
 - Customes
 - Books of authority



Statutes (legislation)

- also „black letter law“
- formal written enactments of a legislative authority of the country

Statutes (legislation)





Common law

- rules which have been developed entirely by judicial decisions

Common law

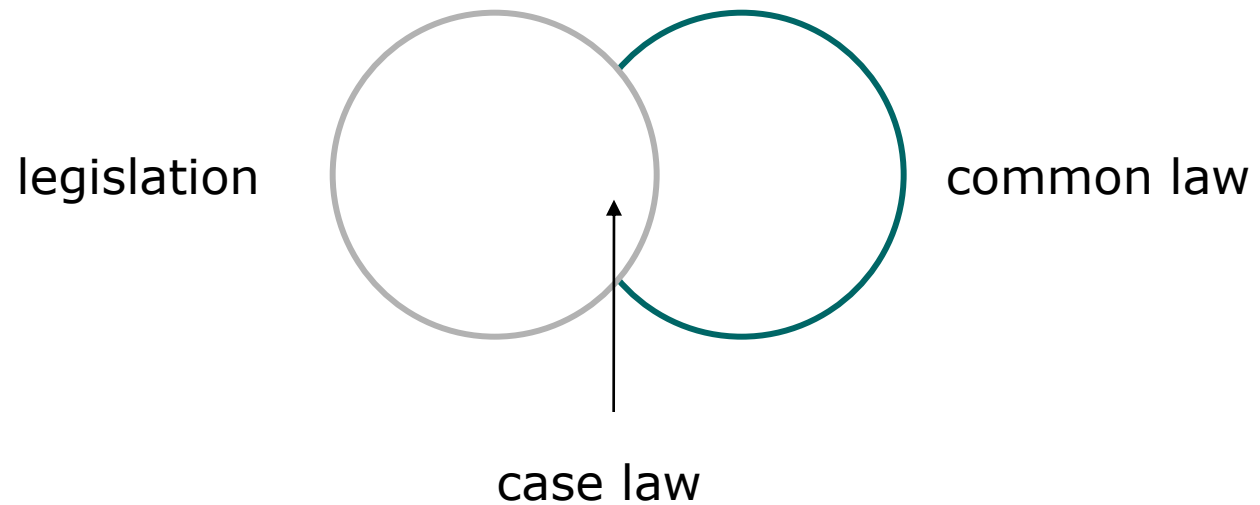




Case law

- also judge-made law
- resulting from judicial decision and interpretation of legislation

Primary sources





Customes & Books of authority

- customes = established pattern of behavior
- books of authority = law books, reference works, government publications, parliamentary debates

(http://openlibrary.org/works/OL14997115W/The_Parliamentary_Debates)



Supremacy of law

- in the past: „not even king is above the law“
- now: checking acts of government agencies by highest court



Summary

- Sources
 - Primary
 - Secondary
- Today statutes are more important than rules of common law (solving new cases)
- Supremacy of law



Thank you for your attention!

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