

**The Research Centre of the Faculty of Economics**  
cordially invites you to a research seminar  
on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
at **13 p.m.** in room **P-119**  
at the **Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana**

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will present the article:

**“Drawing the Legal Family Tree: An Empirical Comparative Study  
of 108 Property Doctrines in 128 Jurisdictions”**

“Traditional comparative private law scholars have firm grasps of laws in several countries, but rarely those in more than one hundred countries. The quantitative comparative private law scholars placed dozens of countries into a legal family genealogy, but not based on systematic understanding of legal doctrines around the world, either. Using a unique, hand-coded data set on more than 100 property doctrines in 128 jurisdictions, we ran an average-linkage clustering analysis and a sparse Discriminant Linear Analysis. Some of our empirical findings confirm the conventional wisdom. French and German property laws are influential. Mixed jurisdictions like South Africa and Israel are one of a kind. Common law jurisdictions form a group of their own. A handful of former communistic countries, led by Russia, cluster together. Unlike the prior literature, however, we do not find that East Asian jurisdictions warrant a category of their own. They actually belong to groups distant from one another. Spain, Portugal and almost all Latin American countries form a separate group. Rather than finding a clear-cut common versus civil law divide, we observe that the France-inspired group is one super-cluster, separate from other jurisdictions. “

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