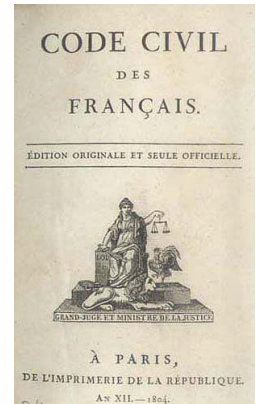




**Marking May 24th - the Day of the Holy
Brothers Cyril and Methodius,
the Bulgarian Alphabet, Enlightenment and
Culture and Slavic Literature, and
the 220th Anniversary of the Entry
into Force of the French Civil Code**



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**The Bulgarian group of *Henri Capitant* Association of Friends of French Legal Culture and
The Law Faculty at *Paisii Hilendarski* University of Plovdiv**

hereby invite you to the Round Table

Codifications and Codes

Prior to the advent of modern codes, universities established themselves as leaders in the education and in the (re)production of knowledge. The growing role of universities is one of the preconditions for the widespread dissemination of literacy and culture. The classical understanding of universities assigns a leading place to their law faculties. Continuing in a contemporary perspective, it is quite logical that the Day of Bulgarian Enlightenment and Culture on 24 May should be celebrated together with the 220th anniversary of another monument of spirituality that has a profound influence on Bulgarian legal science and culture - the French Civil Code.

The Civil Code, promulgated in 1804 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is considered the first codification of the Modern Age. It gave a serious impetus to the development of private law in many countries around the world and at the same time continued the Roman legal tradition. Its form corresponds to the requirements of a normative text of universal application, clarity of

provisions and systematicity, through which it fulfills the covenant of the Great French Revolution of liberty, equality and fraternity secured by law.

The roundtable is devoted both to the process of standardization and norm development, understood as codification, and to its outcome - the code. Irrespective of a particular historical era, in the field of law the process and its outcome are a sign of a high legal culture, of the application of a scientific approach to lawmaking and, last but not least, of the power of the codifying state.

At the Round Table one can trace how codification was approached in ancient and more modern times. The example of our ancestors would help to solve the complex codification riddles of the modern legislator. Today, new areas of legal regulation are literally springing up before our eyes, as well as its absence. The technology boom raises codification issues that can be discussed at the planned forum. From this perspective, the question of whether the meaning of codification and codes has changed across historical eras can be revisited.

In anticipation of an in-depth and fruitful discussion, we invite you to the round table on Codifications and Codes, which will take place on 23 May 2024 at the University of Plovdiv. It is the first event in which the newly-formed Bulgarian group of *Henri Capitant* Association of Friends of French Legal Culture takes part.

In order to participate in the roundtable, you can submit the attached registration form to forums_law@uni-plovdiv.bg with the topic *Codifications* no later than 8 May 2024. The program will be announced within five days before the date of the roundtable.

The paper must not have been proposed in another editorial or published. Papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Plovdiv, February 2024

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