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ABGB Allgemeines Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch (Austria)

AC Appeal Cases (3<sup>rd</sup> series)

AcP Archiv für die civilistische Praxis

Ad & El Adolphus & Ellis' Queen's Bench Reports

aff'd affirmed

AG Aktiengesellschaft
Alberta L Rev Alberta Law Review
All ER All England Law Reports

All ER (Comm) All England Law Reports (Commercial Cases)

ALR Allgemeines Landrecht für die Preußischen Staaten (Prussia)

alt alternative

Am J Comp L American Journal of Comparative Law

App Cas Appeal Cases (2<sup>nd</sup> series) arg e argument from (argumentum e)

Art Article

Atk Atkyns' Chancery Reports

B Baron

BAGE Entscheidungen des Bundesarbeitsgerichts
Barn & Ald Barnewall & Alderson's King's Bench Reports
Barn & Ad Barnewall & Adolphus' King's Bench Reports
Barn & Cress Barnewall & Cresswell's King's Bench Reports

BC Borough Council

Beav Beavan's Rolls Court Reports
Begr Begründer (founding author/editor)
Best & S Best & Smith's Queen's Bench Reports

BGB Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch

BGB-E Entwurf eines bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches für das Deutsche Reich

BGH Bundesgerichtshof

BGHZ Entscheidungen des Bundesgerichtshofes in Zivilsachen

Bing NC Bingham's New Cases, English Common Pleas BI H Henry Blackstone's Common Plea Reports

BLR Building Law Reports

Brod & Bing Broderip and Bingham's Common Pleas Reports

Bros Brothers

BS Building Society

Burr Burrow's King's Bench Reports tempore Mansfield

CA Court of Appeal

CA in Ch Court of Appeal in Chancery
Can Bar Rev Canadian Bar Review

Can Bus LJ Canadian Business Law Journal

CB Common Bench Reports

CB NS Common Bench Reports, New Series

CC Code Civil (France)
CCR Crown Cases Reserved
cf compare (confer)

ch(s) chapter(s) (abbreviation used when referring to a cited piece

of work)

Ch Law Reports, Chancery Division (3<sup>rd</sup> series)

ChD Chancery Division

ChD Com Ct Chancery Division, Companies Court

Ch App Chancery Appeals
CJ (Lord) Chief Justice
CLC Commercial Law Cases
CLJ Cambridge Law Journal
CLP Current Legal Problems

CLR Commonwealth Law Reports (Australia)

CLY Current Law Year Book

Cmnd Command Paper (abbreviation used for papers issued 1956–86)

Co Company

Colum L Rev Columbia Law Review
Com LR Commercial Law Reports

Corporation Corporation

Cr & Ph Craig and Phillips' Chancery Reports

Cromp M & R Crompton, Meeson & Roscoe's Exchequer Reports

CUP Cambridge University Press

DB Der Betrieb
DC Divisional Court

De G F & J De Gex, Fisher and Jones' Chancery Reports
De G J & S De Gex, Jones and Smith's Chancery Reports

DJZ Deutsche Juristen-Zeitung
Doug Douglas' King's Bench Reports
East East's Term Reports, King's Bench

ed(s) editor(s)

Edin L Rev Edinburgh Law Review

edn edition

eg for example (exempli gratia)

El Bl & El Ellis, Blackburn & Ellis' Queen's Bench Reports

ER English Reports

ERPL European Review of Private Law

esp especially

et al and others (et alii) etc and so forth (et cetera)

EWCA Civ England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

EWHC England and Wales High Court
Ex Law Reports, Exchequer Cases
ex p on behalf of (ex parte)

Exch Ch Exchequer Chamber
Exch Rep Exchequer Reports
f/ff next/following

fn footnote (abbreviation used when referring to a cited piece of work)

gen ed general editor

Harv Int LJ Harvard International Law Journal

HC High Court

HCA High Court of Australia

HL House of Lords

(LR) HL Law Reports, English and Irish Appeals (LR) HL Sc Law Reports, Scotch and Divorce Appeals

HMSO Her Majesty's Stationery Office

Hurl & C Hurlstone & Coltman's Exchequer Reports
Hurl & N Hurlstone & Norman's Exchequer Reports

ibid in the same place (*ibidem*) (abbreviation also used to refer to another

passage in the same case or in the same piece of work)

ie that is (id est)
Inc Incorporated
InsO Insolvenzordnung
IR Irish Reports

IRC Inland Revenue Commissioners

J Mr(s) Justice

JCL Journal of Contract Law

JherJB Jherings Jahrbücher für die Dogmatik des Bürgerlichen Rechts

JR Juristische Rundschau
Jurid Rev Juridical Review
JuS Juristische Schulung
JW Juristische Wochenschrift

JZ Juristenzeitung

Kay & J Kay & Johnson's Vice Chancellor's Reports KB Law Reports, King's Bench (3<sup>rd</sup> series)

KBD King's Bench Division KO Konkursordnung

KTS Konkurs, Treuhand, Sanierung: Zeitschrift für Insolvenzrecht

LBC Lawbook Co LC Lord Chancellor

Ld Raym Lord Raymond's King's Bench and Common Pleas Reports

LJ/LJJ Lord Justice / Lord Justices

LJ Exch Law Journal Reports, Exchequer New Series

Lloyd's Rep Lloyd's (List) Law Reports
Lloyd's Rep Bank Lloyd's Law Reports: Banking

LMCLQ Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly

Loy LA L Rev Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review

LQR Law Quarterly Review

LR Law Reports (1<sup>st</sup> series: abbreviation dropped after 1875)

LS Legal Studies
LT Law Times Reports
Ltd Limited

Mass Limited
Massachusetts

Maul & Sel Maule & Selwyn's King's Bench Reports
Mees & W Meeson & Welsby's Exchequer Reports

Mer Merivale's Chancery Reports

Mlle Mademoiselle
MLR Modern Law Review

MR Master of the Rolls

n/nn note/notes (abbreviations used when referring to a footnote in the

current chapter, unless otherwise indicated)

NJW Neue Juristische Wochenschrift

NJW-RR Neue Juristische Wochenschrift: Rechtsprechungs-Report

No(s) Number(s)

NSWSC New South Wales Supreme Court

NSWSC Comm New South Wales Supreme Court, Commercial Division

NZBLQ New Zealand Business Law Quarterly NZCA Court of Appeal of New Zealand NZHC High Court of New Zealand

NZI Neue Zeitschrift für das Recht der Insolvenz und Sanierung

NZLR New Zealand Law Reports
NZ L Rev New Zealand Law Review

OGH BrZ Oberster Gerichtshof für die Britische Zone

OJLS Oxford Journal of Legal Studies

OLG Oberlandesgericht
OUP Oxford University Press

p/pp page/pages (abbreviation used when referring to the present book)

para(s) paragraph(s) PC Privy Council

PCB Private Client Business
plc public limited company
Pty Ltd Proprietary limited company

QB Law Reports, Queen's Bench (3<sup>rd</sup> series)

QBD Queen's Bench Division

QBD Comm Queen's Bench Division, Commercial Court

QBD TCC Queen's Bench Division, Technology and Construction Court

R The King/Queen (Rex/Regina) = The Crown

Rabels Z Rabels Zeitschrift für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht

rev'd reversed RG Reichsgericht

RGZ Entscheidungen des Reichsgerichts in Zivilsachen

Rheiniz Rheinische Zeitschrift für Zivil- und Prozeßrecht des In- und

Auslandes

RLR Restitution Law Review

Rlv Railway

s/ss section/sections
SA Société anonyme
sic as in the original
SpA Società per Azioni
StBG Strafgesetzbuch

Str Strange's King's Bench Reports
Taunt Taunton's Common Pleas Reports

TLR Times Law Reports

tr translator

TR Dunford & East's Term Reports, King's Bench

TruLI Trolley's Trust Law International U Chi L Rev University of Chicago Law Review

UK United Kingdom

UKHL United Kingdom House of Lords UKPC United Kingdom Privy Council

UWALR University of Western Australia Law Review

v against (versus)

Ves Jun Vesey Junior's Chancery Reports

vol(s) volume(s)

WLR Weekly Law Reports WM Wertpapier-Mitteilungen

You Younge's Exchequer in Equity Reports ZEuP Zeitschrift für Europäisches Privatrecht

ZHR Zeitschrift für das gesamte Handels- und Konkursrecht ZSS (RA) Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte

(Romanistische Abteilung)

# Short Glossary of German Terminology

German English (or Latin) equivalent

Abstraktionsprinzipprinciple of abstractionAnfechtung~ rescission / avoidancearglistige Täuschung~ fraudulent misrepresentationAussonderungsegregation (in insolvency)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{Besitz} & \textit{possession} \\ \textit{Besitzer} & \textit{possessor} \\ \textit{b\"{o}sgl\"{a}ubig} & \sim \textit{mala fide} \end{array}$ 

dinglicher Vertrag real contract / real agreement

Eigenschaftsirrtum mistake as to an essential characteristic

Eigentum ownership
Eigentümer owner

Eigentümer-Besitzer-Verhältnis relationship between owner and illegitimate possessor

Eingriffskondiktion infringement-based restitutionary claim
Erklärungsirrtum mistake as to declaration (of intention)

Ersatzaussonderung segregation of substitutes

Fehleridentität identity of defect gutgläubig ~ bona fide

Inhaltsirrtum mistake as to content (of a declaration of intention)

Leistung performance

Leistungskondiktion performance-based restitutionary claim

Naturalrestitution specific reinstatement

Nichtleistungskondiktion non-performance-based restitutionary claim

 Rechtsgeschäft
 legal transaction

 Rechtsgrund
 legal basis / cause

 redlicher Besitzer
 ~ bona fide possessor

 Schuldvertrag
 obligatory contract

 Trennungsprinzip
 principle of separation

Treuhand ~ trust
Treuhänder ~ trustee
Übergabe delivery

Ubergabe delivery unjustified enrichment

 Verfügung
 conveyance / disposition

 Verfügungsgeschäft
 dispository transaction

 Verpflichtungsgeschäft
 obligatory transaction

Vertrag contract

Wegfall der Bereicherung disenrichment / change of position

widerrechtliche Drohung ~ duress

Willenserklärung declaration of intention

# Part One:

# Setting the Scene

#### Chapter I

#### Introduction

## A. Aim of Project and Methodology

Although this book is based on a thesis, it does not contain a  $\theta \acute{\epsilon} \sigma \iota \zeta$  (thesis) in the sense of a single intellectual proposition which it sets out to prove. Instead, its aim is in some respects more modest, in others perhaps more ambitious. The book seeks to explore the fundamental structures pertaining to a core area of private law in comparative perspective. It analyses the English and German law on impaired consent transfers and their consequences, paying particular attention to the way in which the interplay of various legal rules and principles determines the processes by which such transfers are unwound (both in terms of personal and property rights).

Take the following example: A sells and delivers or makes a gift of a painting to B, but he does so on the basis of some incorrect assumption or while under some form of pressure.<sup>2</sup> How do English and German law respond to this and similar situations? That depends on a large number of different parameters, such as the proper characterization of the factors inducing and influencing A's actions, the nature of the transaction(s) between A and B, whether or not B is still in possession of the painting and – where he has passed it on to a third party C, eg by way of sale or gift – the exact circumstances of B's dealing with C. In both legal systems, the outcome of the stipulated case and any variation on it is the product of a complex interaction between (primarily) the rules and principles of con-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The terms 'rules' and 'principles' are not co-extensive. Principles are general legal maxims whose implementation requires concrete rules: cf K Larenz, *Methodenlehre der Rechtswissenschaft* (6<sup>th</sup> edn Springer, Berlin 1991) 437–90, esp 474–82. Yet the demarcation line between the two is fuzzy in practice, such that 'rules' and 'principles' often overlap, especially in a non-codified legal system like the English. Both terms are used here to indicate that we are concerned with general maxims as well as concrete norms of varying specificity. No attempt will be made in what follows to draw a clear boundary between abstract principles and concrete rules, and both terms will, moreover, be employed interchangeably for legal norms of a certain level of generality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For exposition purposes, the word 'pressure' is used in a very broad sense within the present chapter, encompassing both threats emanating from another party ('duress') and more subtle forms of inter-personal influence, typically resulting from a relationship of emotional or other dependency ('undue influence'): see below, text to n 36.

tract law, property law and the law relating to the reversal of 'unjust' or 'unjustified' enrichments. Metaphorically speaking, these rules and principles, though originating in different branches of the law, together constitute the component parts of an intricate machinery whose operation within each legal system is the subject-matter of this book. It is hoped that a comparison of the machinery's structures will not only contribute to the ongoing dialogue between English and German lawyers in the relevant fields, but will also enhance our understanding of each legal system as such. Knowledge of foreign solutions to similar problems often opens our eyes to the strengths and weaknesses of our own approach.

Given the aim of the current investigation, its methodology is to a large extent predetermined. At a fundamental level, it shares many of the features of traditional comparative law functionalism as espoused most prominently by Konrad Zweigert and Hein Kötz.<sup>3</sup> By asking how the German and English legal systems respond to the problem of impaired consent transfers, and in particular what rules and principles play a role in their reversal, the book focuses on the functions which these rules and principles perform in balancing all the competing interests at stake. Of course, as with most functionalist projects, it is virtually impossible to frame the research question in entirely neutral terms.<sup>4</sup> The very notion of an 'impaired consent transfer' imports certain legal connotations. What is 'consent', and when is it 'impaired'? What is meant by 'transfer', and how is a transfer effected within a given legal system? While the task of delineating these terms and thus the scope of our inquiry more precisely can be postponed until later,<sup>5</sup> it is worth stressing here that reference to certain (shared) legal concepts and categories will be inevitable. This is because, in view of its overarching structural concern, the present book is much more interested in the legal than in the social background and function of the rules and principles it investigates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> T Weir (tr), K Zweigert and H Kötz, An Introduction to Comparative Law (3<sup>rd</sup> edn OUP, Oxford 1998) 32–47. On functionalism generally see eg M Graziadei, "The Functionalist Heritage" in P Legrand and R Munday (eds), Comparative Legal Studies: Traditions and Transitions (CUP, Cambridge 2003) 100; J Husa, "Farewell to Functionalism or Methodological Tolerance?" RabelsZ 67 (2003) 419, esp 422–34; R Hyland, "Comparative Law" in D Patterson (ed), A Companion to Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory (Blackwell, Oxford 1996) 184, 187–90; R Michaels, "The Functional Method of Comparative Law" in M Reimann and R Zimmermann (eds), The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law (OUP, Oxford 2006) 339.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Cf M van Hoecke, "Deep Level Comparative Law" in M van Hoecke (ed), *Epistemology and Methodology of Comparative Law* (Hart, Oxford 2004) 165, 169–70; Hyland in *Companion* (n 3) 189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See below, section B of the present chapter (pp 9–13).

The emphasis on exploring and comparing rules and principles as part of a larger system of law also accounts for a number of methodological departures from traditional functionalism. According to the orthodoxy. "the solutions we find in the different jurisdictions must be cut loose from their conceptual context and stripped of their national doctrinal overtones".6 Kötz has thus likened the functionalist approach to that of a 'black box', into one side of which is fed the 'problem' and which spews out the 'solution' on the other.<sup>7</sup> However, he also notes that outcomes are often less interesting than the processes by which they are generated.<sup>8</sup> The aim of the present book is to explore the inside of the English and German 'black boxes' in order to highlight and compare their internal processes as such. To this end, it is necessary to jettison a basic distinction commonly drawn by comparative lawyers: that between a rule-based and a case-based approach.9 The former proceeds by comparing and contrasting individual rules, principles and concepts in the abstract, while the latter looks at the outcome of actual (or hypothetical) cases. Yet in order fully to understand the solutions produced by a legal system in respect of a particular problem, it is essential to look at both rules and cases equally. Rules and principles do not operate in isolation, but in conjunction with other rules and principles, and on the basis of a certain conceptual framework. 10 The outcome of concrete cases is, in turn, determined by the interaction between such rules and principles when applied to a specific factual scenario. To see the whole picture, we must adopt an integrated approach which regards rules and principles as axioms whose combination gives shape to the legal system and yields solutions to cases. Only an awareness of the structural setup endows us with the ability to recognize when, how, and why a variation of the underlying facts, or the change of a particular rule, alters the outcome of a given case.

Connected with the focus on the internal operation of the 'black box' constituted by each legal system are a number of further departures from orthodox functionalism. First and foremost among them is the rejection of the famous – and equally notorious – *praesumptio similitudinis* (presump-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Zweigert & Kötz (n 3) 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> H Kötz, "Abschied von der Rechtskreislehre?" ZEuP 1998, 493, 505.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid. M Rheinstein, "Teaching Comparative Law" (1937–38) 5 U Chi L Rev 615, 621, even claims that a "general morphology of law" can be developed "in no other way ... than on the basis of a structural, formalistic comparison".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Cf eg van Hoecke in *Epistemology and Methodology* (n 4) 167–69.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This is the reason why E Rabel, "Aufgabe und Notwendigkeit der Rechtsvergleichung" RheinZ 13 (1924) 279, 281, called for more *systematische Rechtsvergleichung* (system-oriented comparison). The essay is reprinted in HG Leser (ed), *Ernst Rabel: Gesammelte Aufsätze, vol 3: Arbeiten zur Rechtsvergleichung und zur Rechtsvereinheitlichung* 1919–1954 (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 1967) 1.

tion of similarity) which has its roots in the observation that "as a general rule developed nations answer the needs of legal business in the same or in a very similar way". 11 Like its anti-functionalist counterpart, that deriving from the so-called 'difference theory', 12 the presumption of similarity is liable to restrict the comparative inquiry unduly by pre-empting its conclusions. 13 It is preferable to start off without any presumptions, either of similarity or of dissimilarity, and to be on the lookout for both phenomena. In fact, the comparison between two legal systems may be most rewarding where similar rules or principles, as a result of their interaction with other rules and principles, lead to different outcomes, or where the solutions of cases converge despite apparent discrepancies in the applicable rules and principles. 14

Next is the question of perspective. Traditional functionalist doctrine maintains that the comparatist has to adopt "an outsider's non-normative view of different legal systems, which is opposite to that of legal dogmatics or practice oriented national legal study". In so far as this approach protects a lawyer trained in one legal system from the dangers of assessing foreign rules as if they formed part of his own system and from false  $d\acute{e}j\grave{a}$  vu experiences, it has much to commend itself. However, as regards each legal system individually, the adoption of an internal point of view becomes inevitable if we are to appreciate the mechanisms operating within the 'black box'. Comparability is then reached not by means of an external epistemic perspective, but through the possibility of mapping different systems across one another using the various similarities and discrepancies between individual rules and principles as reference points. All this requires us to commit to is the perception and treatment of national law as a

<sup>11</sup> Zweigert & Kötz (n 3) 40. G Dannemann "Comparative Law: Study of Similarities or Differences?" in M Reimann and R Zimmermann (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law* (OUP, Oxford 2006) 383, 395, points out that, on closer inspection, the presumption applies only to *outcomes* of cases and "only to those areas of (a) substantive (b) private law which (c) are not culturally or politically sensitive".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Advocated most prominently by G Frankenberg, "Critical Comparisons: Rethinking Comparative Law" (1985) 26 Harv Int LJ 411, and P Legrand, "The Same and the Different" in P Legrand and R Munday (eds), Comparative Legal Studies: Traditions and Transitions (CUP, Cambridge 2003) 240.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Hyland in *Companion* (n 3) 190. Cf also Husa RabelsZ 67 (n 3) 424–25; Michaels in *Oxford Handbook* (n 3) 269–72.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Cf Dannemann in Oxford Handbook (n 11) 406-8; van Hoecke in Epistemology and Methodology (n 4) 171.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Husa RabelsZ 67 (n 3) 438. Similar also: R Sacco, "Legal Formants: A Dynamic Approach to Comparative Law" (1991) 39 Am J Comp L 1, 25, who describes the comparative method as "the opposite of the dogmatic".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Cf O Kahn-Freund, "Comparative Law as an Academic Subject" (1966) 82 LQR 40, 52-54.

coherent 'system' rather than just an accumulation of rules. There can be no doubt that German law fulfils that postulate. Its Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch, abbreviated BGB), in particular, is the product of centuries of systematization. More difficulties are caused by English law. whose incremental development via forms of action<sup>17</sup> and non-academic practice in the Inns of Court long obscured the potential for systembuilding. 18 Yet even the Common law tradition is not beyond the reach of the Gaian institutional scheme, as already demonstrated by the works of Bracton and William Blackstone.<sup>19</sup> The cause has most recently been championed by the late Peter Birks. He was convinced that the Common law was at least as amenable to a classification in terms of events as Civilian legal systems.<sup>20</sup> Today, his writing on the subject provides something like a 'common frame of reference' for an ever increasing number of Common lawyers throughout the world.<sup>21</sup> This book avowedly adopts Birks' scheme as the basic framework of the 'system' of English private law. It is hence premised on the assumption that rights – whether personal or proprietary – are generated by events, the three nominate categories of events being 'consent', 'wrongs' and 'unjust enrichment'.22

Finally, a word on what the book is not intended to do. Traditional functionalism envisages an evaluative stage after the process of description and comparison has been completed. The comparative lawyer is encouraged to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> On the history of the forms of action see JH Baker, *An Introduction to English Legal History* (4<sup>th</sup> edn Butterworths, London 2002) 53–70.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Cf eg T Weir, "The Common Law System" in R David (gen ed), *International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law, vol 2: The Legal Systems of the World, ch 2: Structure and Divisions of the Law* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 1974) 77, 77–80 ([2–82]–[2–86]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> G Woodbine (ed) and S Thorne (tr), *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae: Bracton on the Laws and Customs of England* (Harvard University Press, Cambridge/Mass 1968–77); W Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England: vols 1–4* (Clarendon Press, Oxford 1765–69), reprinted in facsimile by the University of Chicago Press (Chicago 1979).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Esp P Birks, "Definition and Division: A Meditation on *Institutes* 3.13" in P Birks (ed), *The Classification of Obligations* (Clarendon Press, Oxford 1997) 1; P Birks, "Rights, Wrongs, and Remedies" (2000) 20 OJLS 1. On the advantages of having a taxonomy see also E McKendrick, "Taxonomy: Does It Matter?" in D Johnston and R Zimmermann (eds), *Unjustified Enrichment: Key Issues in Comparative Perspective* (CUP, Cambridge 2002) 627.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See eg A Burrows (ed), *English Private Law* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn OUP, Oxford 2007) esp xxix-xxxiii (Burrows); J Edelman and E Bant, *Unjust Enrichment in Australia* (OUP, Sydney 2006) esp 1–14; M McInnes, "Taxonomic Lessons for the Supreme Court of Canada" in C Rickett and R Grantham (eds), *Structure and Justification in Private Law: Essays for Peter Birks* (Hart, Oxford 2008) 77, esp 79–91; and many of the contributions in A Burrows and A Rodger (eds), *Mapping the Law: Essays in Memory of Peter Birks* (OUP, Oxford 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> A fourth, ragbag category encompasses 'miscellaneous other events'.