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In January 2020, a pandemic broke out. It brought death and havoc, and commercial and economic links were cut off. This coronavirus epidemic immediately became the subject of scientific research. How to find a vaccine to cure COVID-19? How to alleviate pain and suffering? But it was not only medical and pure scientific matters which were considered. Economic and ethical issues were explored as well, as were legal problems. This volume purports to explore the latter. The coronavirus has already led to a number of national publications from Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the US, and other jurisdictions. A pan-European approach, or even a global focus, is quite evident. The current book enlists contributions from various European nations. The authors have mainly, but not exclusively, been selected from a group of scholars who, in the past, were engaged in European projects such as the Draft Common Frame of Reference and who still are in touch over issues such as Brexit.

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