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**European Legal Integration :
The Limits of Discourse Theory**

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In reaction to the European Union's avowed ambition to elaborate a uniform European private law, some critics have responded that such a uniformization was illusory on account of the disparities between the legal languages in force within the different Member States. This objection has, in its turn, given rise to an argument according to which uniformization of laws could be ensured through the emergence of a common discourse, and this even in the absence of a common language. For the proponents of the common discourse thesis, the theory of communicative action developed by Jürgen Habermas constitutes an important support. With a view to react to this suggestion, the presentation intends to explain why one cannot usefully draw inspiration from Habermas's thought in order to promote a uniform private law in the European Union.



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