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The Principle of Numerus Clausus in European Property Law

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1. *Numerus clausus* is the strongest supporter of the law of property. Without it, property law will collapse into the law of obligations
2. Without knowledge of the feudal system it is impossible to understand the chimaeras that hunt modern day property law. In other words, the feudal system is the *clef-de-voute* to the real understanding of property law.
3. Explaining a system of property law in primary rights and lesser rights enhances the view on the fundamental aspects of property law
4. *Numerus clausus* as an access-test to the law of property is the way forward for the development of a dynamic European property law.
5. 'There is no such thing as ownership in English law'
6. In order to understand contract law, most contract lawyers do not need the law of property. In order to understand property law, all property lawyers need contract law.
7. Without a European contract law there is no need for a European property law. Without a European property law the exercise of a European contract law loses most of its meaning.
8. The study of European private law requires extensive knowledge of both institutional and substantive EU law. Without public law, therefore, there is no full view on private law anymore.
9. The concept of 'goods' in Free Movement Law is in real need of some property law attention.
10. A Ph.D. thesis in comparative law should at least be examined by representatives from each legal tradition that is discussed in the thesis.
11. Voor leken is recht meestal krom