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## Cultural Cohesion (Embeddedness) of Succession Law

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## The role of culture in succession law

- There are two views:
  - a) succession law is strongly influenced by cultural impacts
  - b) culture is as important in succession law as in other fields of private law

## Why is this question so difficult?

- The reasons for the differences of the prevalence of intestacy are unknown
- Strong connection to family law
- Differences between similar legal systems and similarities between different legal systems
- Historical examples for recodifications
- Similarities in the modern trends

## Hungarian example

- “Minimalist” recodification of succession law in the new Hungarian Civil Code (2013)
- Some changes do not follow the transsystemic trends
- No recognition of surviving cohabitants as intestate heirs