

Foreword to the Second Edition

Since the publication of the first edition of this book in 2016, the Swiss Constitution was amended several times. In addition, new statutory law was introduced which reflects constitutional law developments. Furthermore, the Federal Supreme Court as well as the European Court of Human Rights rendered significant judgments influencing the interpretation of Swiss constitutional law. The objective of this second edition thus is to update the subject of the book and to discuss these new developments.

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This book is the result of research undertaken at the University of St. Gallen for courses in the area of Swiss constitutional law and public international law. It intends to present an accurate and reasonably detailed exposition of Swiss constitutional law and its interrelations with public international law for the interested English-speaking student. However, the Constitution representing the legal foundation of the state influences all legal disciplines. It is therefore my hope that anybody interested in the Swiss legal system will benefit from this book.

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