

Nature, objectives and principles of Spanish Marriage Legislation, 1978-2008.

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The religious, cultural and legal aspects of the question of the status of the religious Marriage Law in Spain. The laicism introduced by the 1978 Spanish Constitution together with the principles of Freedom of Religion and Equality bring about the change from a confessional state to the separation and independence of the state from any established church, but accepting the cooperation with certain religious communities - Jewish, Catholic, Ortodox, Protestant and Islamic- which have their own religious marriage recognized by the State. And an approach to the study of the International Private Law, very useful due to the increasing of immigration and mixed marriages in this globalized world. These questions and other issues, related to them, are analyzed by the author to show the changes on Spanish Marriage Law in the past thirty years.