

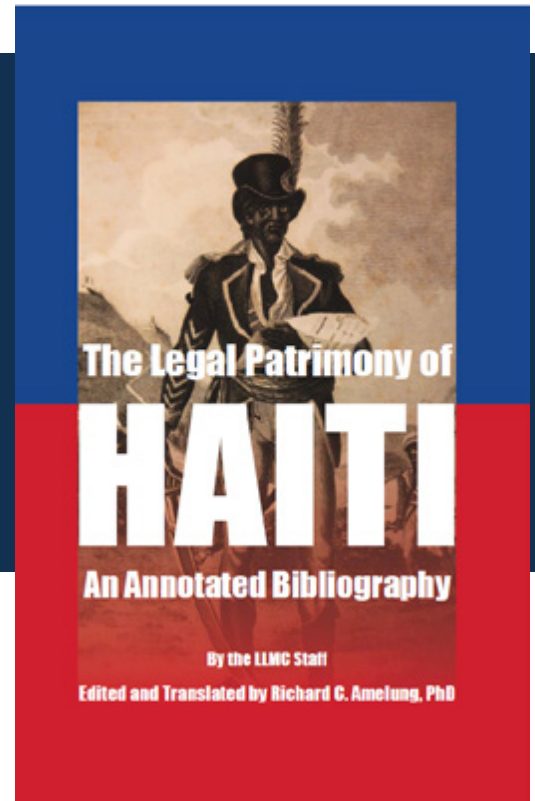


The Legal Patrimony of Haiti: An Annotated Bibliography

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Learn more about the constitutional and legal development of one of the earliest independent countries in the Western Hemisphere



With the heightened interest in Haiti following the earthquake of 2010, and the troubled state of its institutions in the decades before that, the goal of *The Legal Patrimony of Haiti: An Annotated Bibliography* by the LLMC Staff is to provide a comprehensive and bilingual bibliographic foundation upon which Haitians and others of goodwill can re-start the process of building Haitian legal and governmental institutions. It incorporates a broader range of titles than has been traditional to reflect contemporary social science insight that the development of law in a country cannot be understood without some knowledge of the wider society and its historical legacies.

This title differs from others with similar aspirations in that its focus is purely historical, rather than prescriptive. Three approaches exist at the core of this title. First, one finds the bibliographic information for the historic law and governance-related literature for Haiti. Second, this task enabled the creation of a template permitting the development of a digital collection of the same corpus. And finally, the hope that these efforts will be used to develop future texts aiding in the education of both Haitians and the world at large on the constitutional and legal development of one of the earliest independent countries in the Western Hemisphere.

All of the annotations included are published in a bilingual format to facilitate use by both French and English language readers. Special emphasis has been placed in the selections for the bibliographic listings on the impact on Haitian constitutional and legal development of its colonial "mother country," France, and of its most important "neighbor," the United States. Relations between Haiti and these two countries have been significant in social, legal, and commercial development for the last three centuries.

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