

Press Release

The standard work on the German political system is now being published by de Gruyter Legal

Das Regierungssystem der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, regarded for many years as the standard textbook on the German political system is appearing in its 9th edition in December 2003, which will be the first to be published by de Gruyter. The 9th edition, which has been completely revised by Joachim Jens Hesse, comprises two volumes (Vol. I Text; Vol II Materials) and provides a comprehensive introduction to the political processes of the Federal Republic of Germany. The work was previously published by the Westdeutscher Verlag, Wiesbaden.

In its conception, the work provides a high-quality key to understanding the German political system. Beyond its significance at a national level, the German political system is located within the international system of states, and in particular within the European Union. The division into separate volumes with text and materials combines the advantages of a handbook with those of a reference work. Joachim Jens Hesse, who succeeded Thomas Ellwein as author with the 6th edition, is counted amongst the most renowned political and administrative scientists in Germany. He is Head of the Internationale Institut für Staats- und Europawissenschaften (ISE) (International Institute for Political and European Studies) in Berlin, and is Editor of the ZSE (Zeitschrift für Staats- und Europawissenschaften), also published by de Gruyter.

The adoption of this book by de Gruyter strengthens and expands the programme area of National and European Law into the field of politics, which is closely connected with legal studies.

The *De Gruyter Rechtswissenschaften Verlags-GmbH* developed from the legal studies subject area of Walter de Gruyter Publishers. It continues the programme and intends to expand strongly in the fields of international studies and politics. It publishes numerous important commentaries and journals

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