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Mattias Kumm is the Inge Rennert Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, as well as a Research Professor on "Globalization and the Rule of Law" at Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) and Humboldt University in Berlin. He has taught and lectured at leading universities worldwide and was a Visiting Professor and John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organization at Harvard Law School. Prof. Kumm holds a JSD from Harvard Law School and has pursued studies in law, philosophy and political sciences at the University of Kiel, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Harvard University. Prof. Kumm is on the editorial board of several journals. His research and teaching focuses on basic issues in global, european and comparative public law. His work emphasizes the analytical and normative connection between law, claims to legitimate authority and public reason and the institutional conditions under which such claims can be made plausible. Prof. Kumm argues for the need to reconceive the liberal-democratic constitutional tradition in cosmopolitan and pluralist terms. Among his intellectual influences are Hans Kelsen, Robert Alexy, and Ronald Dworkin.