

ADVERSAIRAL VS INQUISITORIAL LEGAL SYSTEMS:

ROUSSEAU, TRUTH, JUSTICE AND GOD

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ABSTRACT

All countries have a legal system of some sort. Whilst not the only nor necessarily the main legal systems in existence, the adversarial and the inquisitorial legal systems have operated across much of the Western world for centuries. Fundamentally, each of these systems, each has at their core the pursuit of truth and the delivery of justice for all. However, the mechanisms they use to achieve these exalted goals are substantially different. In the philosophical context of Rousseau's view of God is the source of ultimate justice, this article discusses how the adversarial and inquisitorial systems view truth and seek to establish justice in the modern world.

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