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My hope is that Philip Woods' book will become mandatory reading in introductory law courses around the world, replacing the jaw-droppingly boring texts which accompany? subjects such as 'Legal Institutions' (Peter Alexiadis *Business Law International*)

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