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**summary of the dissertation titled „Culpability in criminal law of countries within the Anglo-american legal culture”.**

The dissertation explores culpability in the criminal law system of countries within the Common Law legal culture. The institutions and principles of the general part of criminal law in these countries exhibit significant differences compared to their counterparts in continental legal culture. These disparities extend to culpability constructs and the formulation of exculpatory circumstances. The first chapter explores material differences between both legal cultures. The second chapter contains a description of culpability constructs present in English-speaking countries. The third chapter regards limitations of the *mens rea* rule within the Common Law countries. The fourth chapter describes excuses. The final chapter contains conclusions in a comparative perspective. It is argued in the dissertation that a decentralised case-based system of creating culpability constructs may lead to worse formulations than a centralised system based on more general reflection of expert bodies. It is also argued that the construct of eventual intention, which is generally absent in Common Law countries, is inevitable in order to properly reflect the culpability of offenders.

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