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vitiation of contracts. Secondly, it analyses the impact of these technologies on European laws regarding unfair terms in consumer

contracts and argues that the existing rules should be applied to smart legal agreements in business-to-consumer relations. Lastly, it analyses the current European rules of private international law on the basis of which jurisdiction and applicable law are developed. In this respect, the book concludes that the vast majority of these European rules are "smart contract-proof".