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„Die Verantwortlichkeit von Regierungsmitgliedern in Deutschland und Frankreich“

This thesis in comparative law deals with parliamentary and judicial control mechanisms in Germany and France which are to ensure the legal responsibility of government members. It analyses and compares the means which parliaments and courts in both countries have at their disposal to control the way government members discharge their duties, to eliminate potential infringements of the law and to impose sanctions. The first part of the thesis treats parliamentary procedures such as setting up investigating committees or proposing motions of no confidence – measures which are aimed at calling government members to account for actions performed in the execution of their duties. The second part of the thesis deals with the ways in which the liability of government members can be ensured by criminal courts. Special attention is given to a peculiarity of French jurisdiction, the *Cour de justice de la République*, a court which was created exclusively for the purpose of bringing charges against government members. The thesis does not only discuss the legal basis of the different parliamentary and judicial control mechanisms in Germany and France. It also compares and assesses their practical application and effectiveness.