The large approach to general principles may even have brought about harm. It has encouraged people to argue from quite general principles, divorced from the rules that give them meaning: rules that qualify, that temper and restrict, and so on. Think, for example, of the use that has been made of pacta sunt servanda by some American corporation lawyers; in propagating simplistic views of the unqualified binding character of contract, that are otherwise not to be met with, outside relatively primitive societies, and presenting them as part of international law.

Referring Principles:

IV.1.2 - Sanctity of contracts