

Course code (filled in by the Office for Education)	
Course title	<b>European Legal History</b>
Module title	Public Governance and Political Science
Level of the Course	MA
Institute/Department responsible for course	Institute for European Constitutional and Legal History
Course director	Prof. Dr. Eva Jakab
Name of the Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Eva Jakab
Number of the ECTS credits	5 ECTS
Teaching methodology	Lecturing, interactive discussions upon historical texts
Language of instruction	English
Prerequisite(s) for the course	Fluency in English
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Course description	The main goal of the course is to provide the historical evolution of the most important institutions of European private law, with a comparative approach. The lectures focus on original sources (with English translations) for training skills as text understanding and analysis, which are basic skills also for civil servants.
Learning outcomes and course competences	The announced course "European Legal History" deepens the knowledge and skills of students mainly in private law. The institutions of private law can be really understood using a historical approach, introducing the development of certain central categories in modern private law. The course tries to investigate the significant periods of the history European private law.
Weekly content of course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Law in books and law in action - the codification of the legal order.</li> <li>2. Ancient heritage in the European legal systems.</li> <li>3. The basic structure of law - institutions</li> <li>4. The principle of personality of law</li> <li>5. Discovering the ancient roots - glossators</li> <li>6. Humanism and legal thinking</li> <li>7. Nature law - law of nature</li> <li>8. The law of the church</li> <li>9. The great European codifications</li> <li>10. Historical school and "Pandektistik" in 19th century Germany</li> <li>11. Ius commune</li> <li>12. The reception of the ius commune in Germany</li> <li>13. Ancient heritage in the laws of England</li> <li>14. Scotland - law and identity</li> <li>15. The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and its legal system</li> </ol>
Compulsory and recommended reading materials	<p>English manuals:</p> <p>P. Stein, The History of European Private Law, Oxford 2008;</p> <p>R. Zimmermann, The Law of Obligations, Oxford 1996;</p> <p>D. Ibbetson, A historical introduction to the laws of obligations, Oxford 2006.</p>
Assessment methods and criteria	Participation in the discussions during the interactive courses, written test and oral exam
Grading	Five Sclae grading
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