

Cologne Global Study Program
Introduction to European Legal Tradition and European Union Law

Winter term 2018/19
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Course outline

- I. The genesis of modern European legal systems: historical and economic factors (1 week)
- II. The main elements of Roman Law, the Germanic legal tradition and English (common) law and their influence on the European legal tradition (2 weeks)
- III. Overview on the system of European Union Law: history, structure, organs institutions and principles (2 weeks)
- IV. The sources and hierarchy of European Union Law (2 weeks)
- V. The role of European Union law for the legal systems in Member States: case studies of milestone judicial decisions of the European Court of Justice (3 weeks)
- VI. Presentations and discussion (1 week)

Date: Tue., 2:00 - 3:30pm on 9.10; 16.10; 23.10; 30.10; 6.11; 13.11; 20.11; 27.11; 4.12; 11.12; 18.12; 8.1.; 15.1

Location: tba

Brief description

In its first part, by outlining the relevant historical background, this course will introduce the genesis of the European legal tradition. In its second part, the institutional basis, the structure and the basic principles of European Union law will be presented. On the basis of case studies on milestone jurisprudence of the ECJ, the role of European Union Law for Member States will be explained.

The structure of the lessons is interactive, where active participation is both desired and expected.

In the end of the course, every student will prepare a topic and present the results in front of the course (10 to 15 minutes). After the presentation, the topic at hand will be discussed among the class.

The course will be concluded with a short multiple choice exam.

Recommended literature

1) Books

- Paul Craig/Grainne de Burca, EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials, 6th ed., Oxford University Press (2015)
- Stephen Weatherhill, Cases and Materials on EU Law, 12th ed., Oxford University Press (2016)
- Thomas Duve (Ed.), Entanglements in Legal History: Conceptual Approaches, 1st ed., Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (2014)
- Antonio Padop-Schioppa, A History of Law in Europe: From the Early Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century, 1st. ed., Cambridge University Press (2017)