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**Comparative and European Private Law (Focus area Transnational Law)**

This course offers an introduction to the interrelated fields of comparative and European private law, which will be divided into four parts. In the first, the foundations of comparative law, its genesis, its demarcation from neighbouring disciplines, its methods and the division into the legal families will be outlined. Then the focus shifts in the second part to the Western legal tradition and its historical evolution, which will be reviewed from Roman law to European integration, with a special focus on German law. In part three, the classic dichotomy of Common and Civil Law will be presented in more depth. In the fourth part, European private law will be reconstructed from a comparative law perspective. This description includes its legal bases, its position within European economic law, its most important legal sources, in particular in the field of consumer law, the relationship between European and national private law and selected perspectives for future development.

***Literature:***

M. Siems, Comparative Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2022

A. Husa, A New Introduction to Comparative Law, 2015

A. Hartkamp et. al., European Law and Private Law, 2017

B. Heiderhoff, Europäisches Privatrecht, 5. Aufl. 2020

Ch. Schmid, Die Instrumentalisierung des Privatrechts durch die Europäische Union, 2010

More recommendations will be given in the lecture.