

ROMAN LAW IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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24 hours - Cfu: 3

The European legal tradition was characteristically shaped by Roman law, through the *ius commune*. The present course attempts to specify these intellectual connections, beginning with the study of the essential features of Roman law in classical antiquity, going on with the perception of Roman law in the following centuries and trying to sketch some lines about the current value of Roman law and the "Roman" nature of the European tradition.

After a short introduction about the Roman law systems and the Roman tradition through the following centuries, after the fall of the Roman empire, the lessons will consist in studying practical cases and reasoning about the way in which the Roman way of thinking law has influenced the modern legal institutions.

Text-book: PETER STEIN, *Roman Law in European History*, University of Cambridge, 1999, pp.1-148

The final evaluation will be based on a written discussion of a case.

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