

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: ZDPd701		Name: World Legal History	
Cover: Department of Historical Law and Legal Methodology			
Type of educational activity: Lecture		Number of credits: 5	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: - For term of study: ZS 5			Study grade: PhD. Study
Method of educational activity: Attendance			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1.year WT	Civil Law (ZObP-DŠ) Civil Law (ZObP-EŠ) Labour Law (ZPrP-DŠ) Labour Law (ZPrP-EŠ) Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-DŠ) Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-EŠ) Criminal Law (ZTrP-DŠ) Criminal Law (ZTrP-EŠ)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Continuous evaluation: Continuing assessment: exam. The final evaluation takes the form of an exam. Doctoral student chooses either an oral exam (he / she answers the examiner's questions on one of the topics of his / her choice) or a written exam (he / she submits an essay on one of the topics of his / her choice; minimum length of the essay is 7 standard pages).			
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Finished: By continuing assessment.			
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the doctoral student has a coherent knowledge of selected important topics of world legal history, documenting both considerable spatial and temporal variability of law as well as the existence of basically universal foundations of this phenomenon. The doctoral student is reliably oriented in the above topics, can reproduce them in writing and orally and at an appropriate professional level and can use their knowledge in elaborating his / her dissertation.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Introduction. 2. The most ancient legal cultures in the world (legal history of the ancient Near East). 3. The most important ancient constitutions - Athenian Democratic and Roman Republican - in a comparative perspective. 4. Ius commune and its legacy for the present. 5. Constitutional law of civic democratic states in modern history. 6. Legal codes in modern history. 7. Constitutional and other law of authoritarian states of the 20th Century. 8. Constitutional and other law of totalitarian states of the 20th Century - national-socialist Germany. 9. Constitutional and other law of totalitarian states of the 20th Century - USSR. 10. English law. 11. American law. 12. Islamic law.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: BALAŠ, V. – BLAHOŽ, J. – KLÍMA, K. Srovnávací ústavní právo. 5th revised ed. Praha: Wolters Kluwer, 2015. COING, H. Europäisches Privatrecht. Band I. Älteres Gemeines Recht (1500 bis 1800). Jahrhundert. München: C.H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1985. COING, H. Europäisches Privatrecht. Band II. 19. Jahrhundert. München: C.H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1985. ERDŐSOVÁ, A. – GARAYOVÁ, L. Svetové právne systémy. Základy komparatistiky. Bratislava: C.H. Beck, 2020. KNAPP, V. Velké právní systémy. Úvod do srovnávací právní vědy. Praha: C.H. Beck, 1996. KOLEKTIV AUTORŮ PRÁVNICKÉ FAKULTY UK. Dějiny evropského kontinentálního práva. 4th ed. Praha: Leges, 2018. LESAFFER, R. European Legal History - A Cultural and Political Perspective. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009. POTMĚŠIL, J. Šaría. Úvod do islámskeho práva. Praha: Grada Publishing, 2012. ROBINSON, O. F. – FERGUS, T. D. – GORDON, W. M. European Legal History: Sources and Institutions. London: Butterworths, 2000. SELTENREICH, R. – KUKLÍK, J. Dějiny angloamerického práva. 2nd ed. Praha: Leges, 2011. VYŠNÝ, P. Svetové dejiny štátu a práva. 2nd revised ed. Trnava: Typi Universitatis Tyrnaviensis, 2019. VYŠNÝ, P. – PUCHOVSKÝ, J. – ŠOŠKOVÁ, I. Svetové dejiny štátu a práva. Trnava: Typi Universitatis Tyrnaviensis, 2013. ZIMMERMANN, R. The Law of Obligations: Roman Foundations of the Civilian Tradition. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996.			
Language requirements: Slovak			

Notes:

The subject has a form of lectures. According to the individual interest of students, the lecturer also provides individual consultations.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Labour Law:

Prof. JUDr. Mgr. Andrea Olšovská, PhD.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Criminal Law:

Prof. JUDr. Ivan Šimovček, CSc.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Civil Law:

Doc. JUDr. Monika Jurčová, PhD., mim. prof.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Theory and History of State and Law:

Prof. JUDr. PhDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA.

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 8

A	B	C	D	E	FX
88%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%

Lecturers:

doc. JUDr. Peter Vyšný, PhD., Ph.D., lecturer, examiner

Date of last change: 01.09.2026

Approved by: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA