**European Private Law (JSDI-EUA-2211)**

**Total number of lectures: 12 hours**

**Credits: 5 credits**

**Examining: report**

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The class on European Private Law offers an overview of policy decisions taken with regard to contract law on EU level. The students get to know the Directives and Regulations in areas like consumer law, financial services, sales law and the respective legislative procedures behind the final instruments. Decision making processes are discussed intensivly.

**Themes:**

1. General problems of European Private Law.
2. The Acquis communautaire.
3. The direct impact of the EC Treaty on the Private Law of the Member States.

Directives on European Private Law: Sale of consumer goods and guarantees (99/44/EC), Timeshare (94/47/EC), Price indication (98/6/EC), Unfair contract terms (93/13/EC), Injunctions (98/27/EC), Package travel (90/314/EC), Distance selling (97/7/EC), Doorstep selling (85/577/EC), Consumer credit (2008/48/EC), Consumer rights (2011/83/EU)

1. Review of the acquis communautaire in European Private Law: Communications and Action Plans, Green books, Common Frame of Reference, optional instrument, European Civil Code.
2. Academic working groups: COPECL, PECL, SGECC, Acquis Group
3. The role of the European Parliament in the elaboration of European Private Law.
4. Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Common European Sales Law
5. The European Law Institute

Further reading:

Brussels, 11.07.2001, *COM(2001) 398 final*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW

Brussels, 12.2.2003, *COM(2003) 68 final*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

A MORE COHERENT EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW, AN ACTION PLAN

Brussels, 11.10.2004, *COM(2004) 651 final*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

European Contract Law and the revision of the acquis: the way forward

Brussels, 08.02.2007, *COM(2006) 744 final*

GREEN PAPER on the Review of the Consumer Acquis

Brussels, 08.10.2008, COM (2008) 614 final

Brussels, 11.10.2011, *COM(2011) 635 final*

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Common European Sales Law