

Program: Master Academic Studies		
Course title: COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS		
Teachers: Prof. Dr. Sima Avramović, Ass. Prof. Dr. Vojislav Stanimirović		
Course status: optional		
Number of ECTS: 20		
Requirements: 240 ECTS		
Aims of the course: Understanding specific features of Comparative Legal Traditions and its relation to Legal History and Comparative Law; Practical use of knowledge acquired by Comparative Legal Traditions; Recognition of patterns of legal development; Explanation of legal borrowings and diffusion of law; Overview of legal traditions from ancient until modern times.		
Course result: Skill to differ influential and accidental legal processes; Understanding law making process through legal history; testing „Presence of the Past“ idea (Glenn); Perceiving connections among legal traditions and legal jurisprudence; proper approach to legal sources; recognizing mixed legal traditions.		
Course content: Legal tradition and Comparative law; Comparative law – a method or a science?; Defining legal families and legal culture; Primitive law – past and present (Diamond); Early codifications; Ancient legal systems; Byzantine, Oriental, Common law and German early legal traditions; <i>Ius commune</i> and <i>ius proprium</i> in Middle ages; Modern legal traditions – constitutional history, modern codifications; Legal imperialism; Harmonization and unification of European law – innovative <i>ius commune</i> .		
Literature: Аврамовић, С. – Станимировић, В., <i>Упоредна правна традиција</i> , Београд 2017. Вотсон, А., <i>Правни транспланти – приступ упоредном праву</i> , Београд 2000 (= Watson, A., <i>Legal transplants: an approach to comparative law</i> , Athens GA 1993). Glenn, P., <i>Legal Traditions of the World</i> , Oxford 2007 ³ . Фарнсворт, Е. А., <i>Увод у правни систем САД</i> , Београд 1973. Baker, J. H., <i>An Introduction to English Legal History</i> , London 1979. Robinson, O. – Fergus, T. – Gordon, W., <i>An Introduction to European Legal History</i> , London – Edinburgh – Dublin 2000. Watson, A., <i>The Evolution of Western Private Law</i> , Baltimore – London 2001. Watson, A., <i>Roman Law and Comparative Law</i> , Athens GA 1991. Zimmermann, R., <i>Roman Law, Contemporary Law, European Law – The Civilian Tradition Today</i> , Oxford 2004. Zweigert, K. – Koetz, H. – Weir, T., <i>An Introduction to Comparative Law</i> , Amsterdam – Oxford 1998.		
Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical classes:	Practical classes :
Instruction method: teaching, analysis of sources, comparative approach to legal institutions;		

simulation of trials in legal history; elements of research methodology in legal history

Grading system (maximum number of points 100)

Pre-exam obligations	Points		
Activities during lectures	30		
Activities during practical classes	30		
Tests			
Seminar classes			
Final Exam	40		