

Starting with the customs of the Germanic tribes, the course traces the major stages of the formation of the German private law with particular emphasis on the reception of Roman law. We'll highlight the diversity of sources in a country which stay long without political unity. The influence of great princes, cities, Reformation, legal schools of philosophy (natural law, historical school ) is therefore analyzed. The building of B.G.B. (1896 - entered into force on 1 January 1900) as well as changes in the adoption of the Basic Law of 1949, are also studied.