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**030 734 – PUE Case Studies in Roman Law of Obligations**  
**Summer Semester 2024; Monday 12.30 - 14.30, U 11 Juridicum**

The PUE Case Studies in Roman Law of Obligations offers a comprehensive and accessible introduction to Roman Law and the foundations of the Civilian tradition. It provides an introduction to the basic principles, concepts, and modes of thought and argumentation of Roman Law and offers active training in the solution of Roman-Law cases and the exegesis (explication and discussion) of Roman sources. In addition, it aims to acquaint students with the historical foundations of modern law of obligations within the European Civil-Law tradition and gives a comprehensive introduction to the relevant terminology in English.

The class will be taught **on site**; the course schedule and occasionally short written tasks will be made available on the Moodle platform.

Required reading is **Benke/Meissel**, Roman Law of Obligations (Manz 2021).

The class is aimed at students in their second semester of the IREWI programme who already have studied Roman Property Law. While not obligatory, it is highly recommended as targeted preparation for the exam in Roman Law at the end of the first year.

**Course schedule:**

11 March	Real contracts 1 (pp. 1ff, in detail 37–50) Exercises 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 (p. 70ff)
18 March	Real contracts 2 (pp. 51–74) Exercises 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12
08 April	Contract of Sale 1/2 (pp. 75-125), Exercises 13-25, 32-34
15 April	Contract of Sale 2/3 (pp. 125–171), Exercises 26-31, 35-46
22 April	<b>1<sup>st</sup> exam</b>
29 April	Locatio conductio, Mandate, Partnership, (pp. 177–228) Exercises 37-66
06 May	Innominate Contracts, Actiones adiectitiae, Negotiorum gestio, (pp. 229–270), Exercises 67-84
13 May	Suretyship, Unjust enrichment, Delicts 1 (pp. 271–325) Exercises 85-102
27 May	Delicts 2 (pp. 326–378), Exercises 103-116
03 June	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> exam</b>
10 June	Return of exams, Final Discussion

The page numbers refer to the relevant sections of **Benke/Meissel**, Roman Law of Obligations (Manz 2021) that are to be **read and prepared** prior to the respective sessions.

An English translation (edited by Alan Watson) of relevant sources (“Cases”) from the Digest can be found via [archive.org](http://archive.org).