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030 021 – PUE Case Studies in Roman Property Law
WS 2023/24; Monday 12.30 – 14.30 Uhr, U 18 Juridicum

The PUE Case Studies in Roman Property Law 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 private property law within the European Civil-Law tradition and gives a comprehensive introduction to the relevant terminology in English.

Required reading is **Benke/Meissel**, Roman Law of Property (Manz 2019).

The class is aimed at students in their first semester of the IREWI programme. 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:

9 October	Introductory remarks; cases 1 and 2; possession (pp. 1–24)
16 October	Possession (pp. 25–54)
23 October	Losing possession; ownership (overview) (pp. 55–81)
30 October	Transfer of ownership (incl. comparative law) (pp. 82–98)
6 November	Usucaption (incl. comparative law) (pp. 99–125)
13 November	1st exam
20 November	Natural modes of acquisition (pp. 126–151)
27 November	Civil procedure (pp. 152–177)
4 December	Pledge 1 (pp. 189–209)
11 December	Pledge 2; Servitudes (pp. 209–220; 178–188)
8 January	2nd exam
15 January	Substitute exam

The page numbers refer to the relevant sections of **Benke/Meissel**, Roman Law of Property (Manz 2019) that are to be **read and prepared** prior to the respective sessions.