European Contract Law

1.Introduction to European Contract Law. Projects and Initiatives for common European Contract Law

2.Different legal systems of the world. Civil law and common law countries

3. The Concept of contract under different legal systems, Principles of European Contract Law (PECL), UNIDROIT Principles of international commercial contracts, Draft Common frame of reference (DCFR). Requirements of contract in different European legal systems

4.Formation of contract. Offer and acceptance. Binding force of the offer. The meaning of silence. Contracts formed via electronic means

5. Autonomy of will and freedom of contract. Principle of obligatory force of the contract

6.Principle of relative effect (privity) of contract

7.Precontractual liability

8. Validity of contract - void and voidable contracts

9. Construction of contract. Contents of contract

10.Representation (Agency)

11.Preliminary contract. Contract in favour of third party

12.Performance of contract.

13.Non-performance of contract (breach of contract). Remedies at creditors' disposal under PECL and UNIDROIT Principles

14.Contractual liability for damages

15.Rescission of contract. Preconditions

16.Plurality of debtors

17.Plurality of creditors

18.Assignment of claims

19.Substitution of debtor

20. Types of contracts. Classifications – onerous and gratuitous, unilateral and bilateral (synalagmatic), nominate and innominate, etc.

21.Contract for sale of goods under national systems and under Convention on international sale of goods (CISG).

22.Scope of application of CISG

23.Obligations of the seller and of the buyer. Transfer of title. Passing of risk

24.Mandate contract

25.Contract of lease

26.Contract of donation

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