

L36 Diritto privato dell'Unione Europea – European Contract & Consumer Law

Course Section General Handout

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General Course Section Information

Dates of Course Section

2 March – 13 April 2021

Language of Course Section

English

Description of Course Section

The series of twelve lectures will introduce two of the most important and practically relevant areas of the private law of the European Union: the law on contracts and the law affecting consumers, i.e., contract and consumer law. Beside primary and secondary EU legislation in this area (treaties between the Member States; regulations, directives, decisions, recommendations, opinions), decisions by the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) will be examined and soft law considered where appropriate.

Aims and Objectives

After completing the course section, you will have gained an understanding of the EU law on contracts and on consumers. You will be aware of the principles underpinning these two areas of law and how the attitudes affect legislation and case decisions. Furthermore, you will comprehend the conflicts between the EU's policies in these two and other areas of EU law, as well as see the tensions between the EU and the Member States. You will know how these two areas have developed and will have gained an insight into several important sub-topics, including: unfair commercial practices, sale of digital content and services, unfair contract terms, consumer rights, product safety, and product liability.

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01	•Introduction to Course Section and EU Contract & Consumer Law
02	•On EU Contract Law Generally
03	•Contract Law II
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11	•EU Contract & Consumer Law Enforcement and Redress
12	•EU Soft Law – Harmonization Projects and Model Laws