

# Continental system



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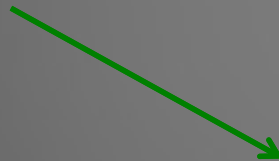
§ World legal systems

Civil law



**branch of private law**

(*Občanské právo* in Czech)



**system of law**

(built on Roman law)

= **Continental law**

# Basic characters

Modern legal system based on written laws

Laws are written (= codified) into collection of laws  
**not** determined by judges (as in common law)

Separation of legislature and judiciary

*Primary source of law:* **Legal code**

(medium of statute and regulations)

Legislation



Law codes

*Judicial independence:* **High**, separate from  
executive and legislative branches of  
government



Main inspiration is Roman law

Codes produced in the 7<sup>th</sup> century under direction of the Roman Emperor Justinian

Model of the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church



# Language groups

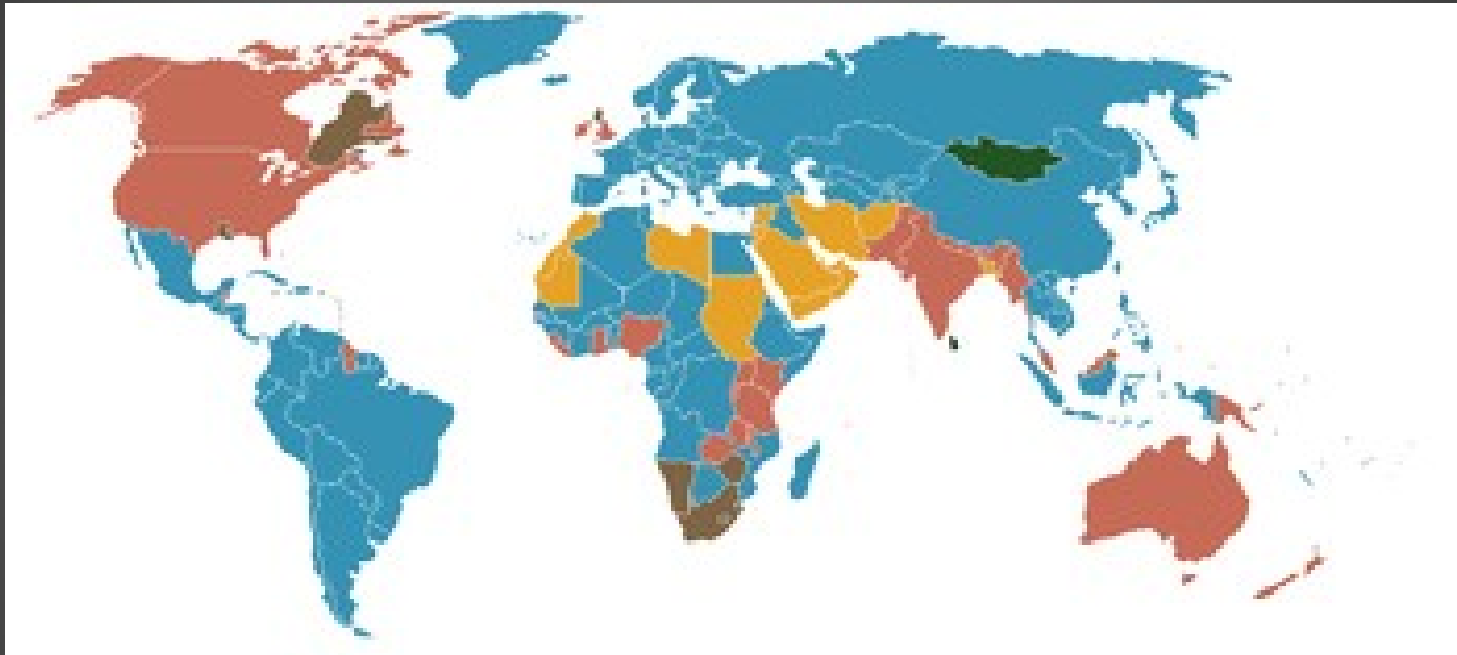
Romance (France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Quebec, Louisiana, Italy, Spain...)

Germanic (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Brazil, Portugal, Turkey, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan)

Finavian (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden)

• Chinese (except Hong Kong)

# Legal systems of the world



Civil law

Common law

Shariah

Bijuridical

Customary law



# Vocabulary

Canon law

Codified

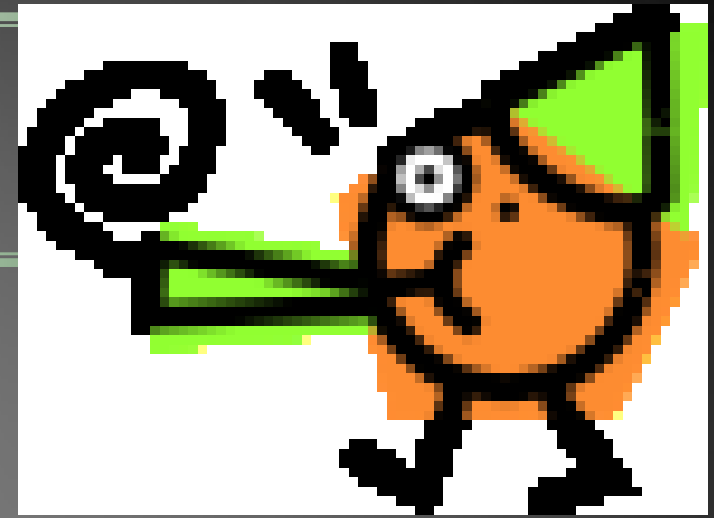
Case law

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Code

Legislator

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