

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN WEALTH MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF TRUSTS (5127)

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Description

Trusts are like elephants: they are difficult to define, but easy to spot. Trusts were born in England around the 13th century and later flourished in common law jurisdictions. They are now extensively used worldwide, although many civil law systems do not have trusts as a legal institution.

Studying trusts offers a good insight into comparative law. It also provides a useful toolkit for estate planning or for structuring complex business transactions. This course will introduce students to the fundamental principles and many uses of trusts. We will use a textbook and study a number of cases. We will also examine the Hague Convention on Trusts and understand how Swiss courts recognize trusts governed by some other relevant law.