

**Abstract:**

This thesis aims to provide a comprehensive summary on the origin of modern Civil Law in the Republic of Korea and to compare selected parts of the Korean Civil Code, in force since 1960, and the German Civil code valid in the same period. Reason for this comparison is to show the actual manifestation of continental and customary law's influence in these articles. The first part of thesis describes the state of the legal system valid in Korea until the end of Japanese occupation. Its focus is on implemented Japanese norms as well as native customs and the initial efforts to modernize the entirety of legal system. Second part describes modern Korean civil law, how were the drafts for new Civil code prepared, from where did the draft committee draw inspiration and how were these influencing initial texts structured. In the last, fourth part, the Part 2 and Part 3 of Korean Civil Code and German Civil Code are being compared.