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History of Legal Exchange between Japan and Germany

Due to the necessary revision of the so-called “unequal treaties“ Japan had to sign with a number of western countries in the 19th century, a broad reception of German law took place. This is the historic foundation of still intensive Japanese research of the development of German law, which will be illustrated according to different time spans up to the presence. On the other hand the study of Japanese law in Germany started rather reluctantly, but nowadays features some significance. The talk will show how important the mutual endeavors are, shed some light on the different structures of legal research in Japan and Germany and stress what was already achieved in reciprocal understanding and what still has to be done.

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