

Working Group

Competition Law

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ABSTRACT

The Competition Law Working Group is a forum for discussing issues related to competition law, policy and economics.

PAST EVENTS

Academic Year 2019-2020

- 24 June 2020: "The Brussels Effect" by Prof. Anu Bradford (Columbia Law School).
- February 2020: "The Great Reversal" by Thomas Philippon (Competition Law Reading Club Event).
- 10 December 2019: "The antitrust paradigm: restoring a competitive economy" by Jonathan Baker (Competition Law Reading Club event).
- 27 November 2019: "The legal Nature of the European Union and Antitrust Law" by Prof. Lorenzo Pace (Università del Molise).
- 26 November 2019: "The link between public policies and antitrust: is there a correlation between a weak regulatory framework and strong social expectations towards competition law?" by Isaure D'Estaintot (EUI); and "The role of the state

after market liberalization. Insights from the European rail sector” by Linus Hoffman (EUI).

- November 2019: “The Curse of Bigness” by Tim Wu (Competition Law Reading Club Event).
- 30 October 2019: “Artificial Intelligence, Algorithmic Pricing and Collusion” by Prof. Giacomo Calzolari (EUI).

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- 27 May 2019: “Is the EU Resolution Framework Working Through State Aid and Nothing Else?” by Ana Maria Barata (European University Institute), “Towards and Optimal Regulation of Innovative Markets: PSD2 as an Example of Challenges of Regulating Technological Innovation” by Nikita Divissenko (European University Institute), “Action for Annulment as an Error Correction Mechanism for State Aid?” by Anna Nowak (European University Institute), and “Rethinking the Metaphysics of Competition Regulation: A Critical Perspective on the Political Neutrality of Antitrust Law. The Case of Neoliberalism” by Lazar Radic (European University Institute).
- 5 June 2019: “The Political Economy of Internal Devaluation in the EU: A Critical Assessment of the Role of EU Competition Policy in the New Industrial Policy” by Dr. Angela Wigger (Radboud University).
- 16 April 2019: “The Multidimensional Relationship Between Competition Law and Data Protection Regulation” by Alessia D’Amico (European University Institute).
- 27 February 2019: “Consumer Welfare in EU Competition Policy” by Svend Albaek (DG Competition, European Commission).

- 12 February 2019: “Why Strict Competition Enforcement is the Legitimate and Effective Way Forward to Promote Welfare” by Dr. Edith Loozen.
 - 6 February 2019: “Experimentalist EU Antitrust and Digital Competition” by Stavros Makris and Alexandre Ruiz Feases (European University Institute).
 - 23 January 2019: “Shaping Competition Policy in the Era of Digitalisation” by the Competition Law Working Group.
 - 7 December 2018: “Evaluating the Results of the State Aid Modernization initiative in the area of regional investment aid: better procedural efficiency at the cost of transparency and legal certainty?” by Mikolaj Wietrzny (European University Institute) and “The Impact of the Damages Directive 2014/104/EU on the Regime of Civil Liability in Europe” by Grigoris Bacharis (European University Institute).
 - 14 November 2018: “State Aid Beneficiaries and Judicial Review” by Lyndsey Thomsin (University of Utrecht).
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Academic Year 2017-2018

- 23 May 2018: Presentations by third and fourth year researchers. “Economic Experts and Judicial Decision Making in Private Enforcement Litigation” by Iulian Jianu; “Openness and Integrity in Modern Antitrust” by Stavros Makris; “Does a copy paste of the antitrust toolbox for information collection work when regulating States and not undertakings?” by Katrine Lillerud; “Competition and Democracy – An Analytical Framework” by Elias Deutscher; and “Institutional dynamics of EU competition law: the case of the concept of appreciability” by Alexandre Ruiz.

- 27 April 2018: “Rethinking the Assessment of Dominance under EU Competition Law” by Max Volmar (Max Planck Institute), and “Competition law defences in the context of de-facto-standards” by Jonas Kranz (Max Planck Institute).
- April 2018: “Non-Economic Interests in Article 101 TFEU” by Or Brook (University of Amsterdam).
- 5 March 2018: “Big Data and Competition Law” by Dr Inge Graef (University of Amsterdam), Dr Andrea Giannaccari (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli), and Dr Giuseppe Colangelo (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli).
- 7 February 2018: Presentations by second and third year researchers. “The costs of Errors in State Aid Decisions” by Anna Nowak; and “Anticompetitive conduct within Global Value Chains and Beyond” by Galyna Kostiukevych.
- 27 November 2017: Presentations by first year researchers of their research questions. “Consumer Disempowerment in the Online Marketplace – what is the impact of big data on competition, does it lead to a market failure through information asymmetries, and who, if anyone, should intervene to regulate it?” by Alessia D’Amico; “How to optimize the regulation of innovative markets?” by Nikita Divissenko; “How is the element of selectivity being assessed regarding multinationals in the recent cases and does this depart from settled case law? Especially, is the Arm’s Length Principle an inherent part of Art. 107 para 1 TFEU as the Commission argues?” by Phillip Konzett; and “Competition law and policy in the countries of the former Yugoslavia: is convergence with the EU antitrust model the best way forward?”.
- 31 October 2017: “International Competition Law and China: A Transnational Legal Order Approach” by Dr Wendy Ng (Melbourne Law School).

- 11 October 2017: “National Public Enforcement of the Prohibition of Anti-Competitive Agreements Via Fining Decisions” by Annalies Outhuisje (Faculty of Law at the University of Groningen).
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Academic Year 2016-2017

- 23 June 2017, Professor Ioannis Lianos (Professor in Competition Law and Public Policy at University College London) ‘Global Value Chains in Competition Law’.
- 22 May 2017, 14:00-16:00 h : Jan Broulik (Tilburg University /Charles University Prague) ‘Economics in Antitrust Enforcement: A Conflict of Interest’& Michael Diathesopoulos (University of Athens) ‘The Conceptual Integration of Innovation into the Traditional Establishment of EU Competition Law: Connecting the Dots between Static & Dynamic Competition’.
- 9 May 2017: Researchers’ Presentations .
- 3 May 2017: Researchers’ presentation.
- 6 April 2017: Professor Adi Ayal (Faculty of Law at Bar Ilan University) – Book presentation – ‘Fairness in Antitrust – Protecting the Strong from the Weak’ (Hart 2014).
- 1 December 2016: Maria Ana Barata 'The role of the European Commission within the financial/banking sector during the financial crisis', Letizia Gianni 'The use of Cost-Benefit Analysis in the Impact Assessment of Regulation', Anna Nowak 'Should there be more Judicial Control over Commission’s Positive Decisions in State Aids?'.
● 28 November 2016: Researchers’ Presentations: Katrine Lillerud 'The impact of the State Aid Modernization in the EEA. Block Exemptions as the main rule?', Stavros Makris 'Commitments and the Shaping of Competition Policy, Alice

Noguier 'Rebate cases as an illustration of the prescriptive aspects of Abuse of Dominance Law'.

- 3 November 2016: 'Public Interests in Competition Law: Legitimacy, Civil Society, Solidarity' by Prof. Anna Gerbrandy.
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Academic Year 2015-2016

- 1 June 2016: 'The Extraterritorial Application of EU Competition Law' by prof. Peter Behrens (University of Hamburg).
- 19 May 2016: Second Year Researchers' Presentations: Elias Deutscher, Stavros Makris, Alice Noguier.
- 19 April 2016: 'The Role of Competition Law in the European Integration Process' by prof. Lorenzo Pace (Universita del Molise).
- 26 February 2016: 'Loyalty Rebates and Article 102'. Discussants: Galyna Kostiukevych and Alex Ruiz Feases
- 16 December 2015: First Year Researchers' Presentations: Egelyn Braun, Iulian Petre Jianu, Galyna Kostiukevych, Katrine Lillerud, Alexandre Ruiz Feases.
- 8 December 2015: 'The More Economic Approach' by Dr. Anne Witt (Lecturer at the University of Leicester) Discussants: Elias Deutscher, Stavros Makris.
- 6 November 2015: 'The Chicago School'. Discussants: Elias Deutscher and Stavros Makris.