

COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS SYLLABUS

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Course description:

- This seminar is for master students and covers selected topics in competition law and economics. We discuss economic and legal methods applied in antitrust cases in respect to market definition, assessment of market power, evaluation of mergers and calculation of cartel damages.
- Students will present related competition cases and write a term paper. A particular emphasis is put on the interplay of economics and legal analysis and the discussion and presentation of cases. By presenting case studies, students will learn how to apply the legal and economic methods to real world situations.

Topics

- Market definition and assessment of market power
- Collusion and horizontal agreements
- Horizontal mergers
- Vertical restraints and vertical mergers
- Predation, monopolization and other abusive practices

Regular meetings

- Tuesday, 16.45-18.15h
- Room: online class via moodle

Schedule

- 2020/04/21: First meeting, introduction and overview, assignment of topics
- 2020/04/28: Legal aspects
- 2020/05/05: Economic aspects
- 2020/05/12: Students' presentations of antitrust cases
- 2020/05/19: Students' presentations of antitrust cases
- 2020/05/26: Students' presentations of antitrust cases
- 2020/06/09: Students' presentations of antitrust cases
- 2018/06/16: EMLE Students' presentations of master thesis
- 2020/06/23: EMLE Students' presentations of master thesis

Grading

- Students are required to do one (group) presentation of a case (35%), provide a written summary and discussion of the case (35%), and participate actively in class (30%).
- As classes are now online, class participation will be done by means of a short discussion one of the presentations. Once topics are assigned, we will assign two discussants to each presentation.
- To receive a positive grade, students have to achieve 50%.

Cases

1. Lysine cartel
2. Bid rigging
3. Libor
4. Mergers in the mobile phone sector
5. Merger in the airline industry: Ryanair / Aer Lingus
6. Mergers and Innovation
7. Online-distribution and restrictions on trade, ECJ Coty Germany
8. GE/Honeywell
9. Hotel booking
10. Spirit Airlines vs. Northwest Airlines

11. Rebates of dominant undertakings, ECJ, Intel
12. Microsoft/Google

Background Literature:

- Davis, Peter and Eliana Garces (2010): Quantitative Techniques for Competition and Antitrust Analysis, Princeton.
- Massimo Motta (2004): Competition Policy, Theory and Practice, Cambridge University Press.