General Information			
Course name	European Union Competition Law	ECTS Credits	5
		Semester	winter/summer

Aims

The course will provide students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the basics of EU competition law. The course will mainly focus on rules applicable to vertical and horizontal agreements, abuse of a dominant economic position, mergers and acquisition as well as public and private enforcement of competition rules. At the end of course students will be able to apply competition law provisions to solve practical problems concerning the control of anti-competitive practices and develop their own critical perspective concerning how law may control anti-competitive practices.

Content

Students are expected to take an active part in the course since the emphasis is placed upon seminars and discussion groups rather than formal lectures.

Syllabus of the course:

- 1. Anti-competitive agreements and other forms of coordination between economic actors (Article 101 TFEU)
- 2. The abuse of market power held by an economic entity which holds a dominant position in the market (Article 102 TFEU)
- 3. Mergers and other concentrations which would significantly impede effective competition in the internal market (EU Merger Regulation)
- 4. Public and private enforcement of EU competition law

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Evaluation will be made on the basis of in-class participation and written analysis of case studies.

Grading Scale (in %):

A: 100 – 91 %

B: 90 – 81 %

C: 80 – 71 %

D: 70 - 61 %

E: 60 - 51%

FX: 50 - 0%

Grading System:

The University recognises the following six degrees for the evaluation of the study results:

- a) A excellent (excellent results) (numerical value 1)
- b) B very good (above average results) (1.5)
- c) C good (average results) (2)
- d) D satisfactory (acceptable results) (2.5)
- e) E sufficient (results meet the minimum criteria) (3)
- f) FX –failed (requires further work) (4)

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