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Workshop for young researchers

Competition Law in Digital Technologies

On-line: 27 April 2021

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in EU Law at the Palacký University, the Faculty of Law (JMCE), in cooperation with the **Czech Competition Authority** and **Czech Association for European Studies**, would like to invite students and young researchers to the workshop *Competition Law in Digital Technologies*, which will take place **on-line** on **27 April 2021**.

An international workshop focused in particular on students and young researchers from partner universities will be held in Czech, English and Slovak language.

This workshop is organised under the Jean Monnet Network „*European Union and the Challenges of Modern Society (Legal Issues of Digitalization, Robotization, Cyber Security and Prevention of Hybrid Threats)*“, including, next to the Palacký University in Olomouc (Czech Republic) as the principal coordinator, the Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), the Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia), the Heidelberg University (Germany) and the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine).



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Important Dates

31 March 2021	abstract of the contribution
20 April 2021	written contribution
26 April 2021	end of registration
27 April 2021	the workshop

Focus of the Workshop and Contributions

For a number of years, digital economy has been the focus of competition law and policy. The discussion which has until recently been mostly theoretical has however come to concrete outcomes. The Commission has imposed on Google a cumulative fine exceeding EUR 8 billion for its abuse of dominance on various markets; it is still under investigation in the EU, as well as in the US and numerous other jurisdictions. Other tech giants are under antitrust investigation throughout the world, including Amazon, Apple and Facebook. Booking.com was under parallel investigation in 16 EU Member States, the German Bundeskartellamt has already decided on an infringement of Facebook.

Also the legislation has been evolving. At the end of 2020, the Commission introduced its proposal for the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act, complementing the competition law with a new set of regulatory tools.

Still, many issues still remain a domain of theory, from purely practical problems of defining relevant markets *vis-à-vis* multisided platforms or zero-price services, through the debate concerning basic concepts of competition law, including the definition of dominance on digital markets, to hypothetical scenarios concerning liability for antitrust infringements “committed” by autonomous artificial intelligence algorithms.

We would like to discuss these, as well as other related topics, on the workshop. Please direct your contributions to the following sections:

- **the working of digital markets and the role of competition law in them;**
- **landmark cases and their impact on competition law;**
- **regulation of digital markets;**
- **competition law and artificial intelligence.**

Other topics are also acceptable if agreed by the organizers. Depending on the number of participants, the workshop may be divided into more sections.

Those interested in taking part in the workshop please send an abstract of your contribution until 31 March and the full contribution until 20 April 2021 if it is selected. Selected contributions will be published in the workshop’s proceedings.

Contacts

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We are looking forward to your attendance