

LLM EU State Aid Law and Policy

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Module description:

This module focuses on an extremely topical area of EU competition and trade policy, ie state aid. This has emerged in the last 10 years as one of the most prolific and pivotal areas of EU law and policy.

The module will focus on both the law and policy regulating State aid (and also on ancillary regulation of State regulation in the EU). The idea is to expand the perspective of the subject by adopting a multidisciplinary approach, which reaches beyond the legal discourse to consider the economic, political and historical implications, and by using significant case-studies developing out of practical and topical problems. State aid issues will be set against the broader context of EU law and policy.

The course will cover the following issues:

- The broader context of EU state aid (EU internal market, constitutional, institutional and procedural issues; beyond the EU: the WTO and other international agreements regulating subsidies)
- The institutional control of EU state aid
- The judicial control of EU state aid
- The definition of State aid
- The justification of state aid
- The economics and politics and State aid and its control

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