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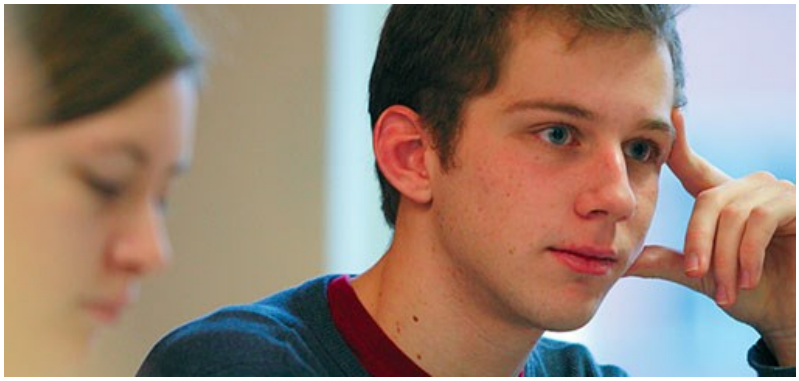
LLM EU Competition Law



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Module description:

This module explores antitrust law (the anticompetitive conduct of private undertakings). We will start with an introduction to the economics and goals of competition law and policy. After considering the procedural framework of public and private enforcement of EU competition rules, we will examine the structure of the relevant prohibitions. This examination will focus on two key provisions of EU law: Article 101 TFEU prohibits agreements that restrict competition while Article 102 TFEU outlaws an abuse of a dominant position. Building upon this general introduction, we will examine how these provisions are applied in specific contexts. These include cartels and the problem of oligopolistic markets, merger control and the relationship between intellectual property rights and competition law.

Seminar topics:

- An Introduction to Economic Analysis and the Goals of Competition Law
- Public and Private Enforcement
- Introduction to Article 101 TFEU (part I): Anticompetitive Agreements and Concerted Practices
- Article 101 TFEU (part II): Ancillary Restraints and Exemptions
- Article 102 TFEU (part I): Abuses of Dominant Position
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- Cartels and Oligopoly
- Merger Control
- Predatory pricing
- Intellectual Property Rights and Competition Law

Methods of assessment

Modules on the LLM programmes will be assessed in one of the following ways. As this website is set up in advance, it is not possible to specify which method of assessment will be implemented for each module.

Either:

- One 6000 word essay

Or

- One 3-hour written examination

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