UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Competition Law in Global Markets

2627-2-F5603M010

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding
Provide an in-depth knowledge of the institutions regulating economic transactions in international markets; have the tools to analyze the legislation they produce and its impact on a global scale.
Applying knowledge and understanding
Develop the approaches and methodologies of legal analysis of competition law.
Making judgements
During the lectures, students will be grouped to discuss cases. This will allow the development of critical judgment, enabling students to verify the practical application of the theoretical knowledge acquired.
Communication skills
The activities between peers and the analysis of real-life cases will facilitate the ability to communicate what has been learned
Learning skills
During the course will be some assignments that will enable students to enhance their learning abilities through independent studying

Contents

The course will dissect the main organizational structures, legal mechanisms and operational tools governing the relationship between markets and public institutions at a European and international level. The first part of the course will be dedicated to the general rules governing the Competition within the European market. The second part will analyze the change of perspective reguarding the digital markets, and the derogation to general competition rules that EU has elaborated in the European Digital Strategy, and through some spefic regulations, such as the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act.

Detailed program

The role of Competition Law in society and economy – Overview of EU competition law - The european concept of undertaking - The relevant market – The prohibition of anti-competitive agreements – The abuse of dominant position – The prohibition of State aids – The original approach of EU to digital markets - The 2001 directive on e-commerce - the change of perspective after the 2014 merger between Facebook and WhatsApp - the 2019 European Digital Strategy - the Digital Markets Act - The Digital Services Act

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

The course is 56 hours long. Part of them will be lectures hold by the Professor on the main general concept of Competition Law; some hours will be dedicated to the case discussion and to in-group assignements. Some seminars with experts from foreign universities could be organized during the semester. Up to 30% of the course could be in remote.

Assessment methods

The exam is written, and it will consist in a multiple choice test and in a aswer to an open question. Students attending the in-group assignments woll be evaluated through the prestentation of the assignement to the class and through a multiple choice test on the general part of the course. This test will be delivered during the november break.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

The reading materials will be provided every week by the Professor through the moodle platform. Those materials will be enough for the preparation of the exam for students both attending or non-attending the lectures.
Anyway, students that feel the need of an integration of their preparation can study the topics and the cases on the book: E. M. Fox, D. Gerard, "EU Competition Law. Cases, Texts and Context", Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2023. The book is also available as e-book through the university library.

Semester

First semester

Teaching language

English

Sustainable Development Goals

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS