

STRUCTURE OF THE DOCTORAL STUDY SUBJECT

Title of the subject	Area (direction) of science, code	Faculty	Department
Competition Law	Law (S 001)	Law	Criminal justice
Study method	Number of credits	Study method	Number of credits
Lectures	-	consultations	2
Individual work	4	seminars	-
Subject annotation			
<p>The content of the subject of competition law consists of a system of legal norms, the purpose of which is to protect effective competition, thus ensuring self-regulation of the economy, operational efficiency and economic growth.</p> <p>The case covers three main areas of EU competition law and Lithuanian national competition law: prohibited agreements, abuse of a dominant position and concentration control.</p> <p>The section on prohibited agreements focuses on agreements of a cartel nature and on the implementation of the principle of prohibition and invalidity of such agreements. Certain agreements between competitors which fulfill the conditions for exemption and are not considered to be restrictive of competition are examined separately. The examination of agreements between undertakings at different levels of production or distribution (vertical agreements) pays particular attention to the terms of the contracts and the obligations of the parties which, in certain circumstances, restrict or are likely to restrict competition.</p> <p>The abuse of a dominant position is inextricably linked to the determination of the economic power of one or more undertakings in a given relevant market. The focus is on the concept of defining the relevant market and a systematic analysis of the factors that determine the market power of one or more undertakings. The next part of this topic examines in detail the concept of abuse and the conduct and actions of the dominant undertaking that are considered to be an abuse of a dominant position.</p> <p>The concept of concentration is first analyzed in the section on concentration control. The issues of jurisdiction over merger control, the turnover of an undertaking as a criterion for controlled concentrations, and the notification procedure are examined below. Special attention is paid to the main criterion for the assessment of concentrations - the test of significant reduction of competition.</p> <p>The course focuses on the economic aspects of competition law, key concepts and categories, the practice of administrative competition authorities and the judiciary, the modernization agenda for EU competition law, and recent developments in national competition law and enforcement.</p>			
Main literature			
<p>Bellamy/Child. European Union law of Competition. Oxford University Press, 2018.</p> <p>Bishop, S./Walker, M. The Economics of EC Competition Law. Sweet and Maxwell, 2010.</p> <p>Faul, J./Nikpay, A. The EU Law of Competition. Oxford University Press, 2014.</p> <p>Motta, M. Competition Policy. Cambridge University Press, 2004.</p> <p>Whish, R./Bailey, D. Competition Law. Oxford University Press, 2021.</p> <p>EU Competition Procedure (red. Blanco, L.O.). Oxford University press, 2022</p>			
Names, surnames of advising lecturers	Science degree	Major works in the area (direction) of science published over the last 5 years	
Šarūnas Keserauskas	Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Lithuanian Competition Council: On a mission to challenge both public and private powers</u> (bendraautorius su Urmonaitė, I.) Competition Law International, Vol 18 No 2 – November 2022 ▪ <u>"Why Competition?"</u> Nicolas Charbit, Sonia Ahmad (Editors), Richard Whish QC (Hon) Taking Competition Law Outside the Box - Liber Amicorum, 2020 	
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