LL.M. IN COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME 2024-2025
The programme is entirely taught in English and divided into 10 modules and 4 clinical seminars. With 13.5 hours for each module and with 4.5 hours for each clinical seminar, the programme seeks to offer the strongest possible training in the various disciplines of competition policy. Most modules are taught by both a lawyer and an economist in order to convey the multidisciplinary content of competition policy. Students who pass all the modules will be awarded an "Interuniversity certificate” and 32 credits.

1_ GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS
20.09.2024 / 27.09.2024 / 04.10.2024  |  B. DURAND, N. PETIT

2_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF CARTEL AGREEMENTS
11.10.2024 / 18.10.2024 / 25.10.2024  |  B. BUEHLER, E. SAKKERS, J. YSEWYN

3_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF HORIZONTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
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4_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF MERGER CONTROL

5_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF VERTICAL RERAINTS
10.01.2025 / 17.01.2025 / 24.01.2025  |  L. PEEPERKORN, F. WIJCKMANS

6_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF ABUSE OF DOMINANCE

7_ THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF STATE AID
21.02.2025 / 28.02.2025 / 07.03.2025  |  J. DERENNE, V. VEROUDEN, A. BOUCHAGIAR

8_ THE PROCEDURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF EU COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT
14.03.2025 / 21.03.2025 / 28.03.2025  |  H. ABBOTT, K. JÖRGENS, J. JOURDAN

9_ COMPEITION LAW AND THE REGULATION OF NETWORK INDUSTRIES

10_ EU COMPETITION LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
09.05.2025 / 16.05.2025 / 23.05.2025  |  M. RATO, E. VAN ZIMMEREN

1_ COMPETITION AND ARBITRATION
06.06.2025  |  O. CAPRASSE, X. TATON, F. WIJCKMANS

2_ COMPETITION COMPLIANCE
13.06.2025  |  J. KOPONEN, A. DE BROUSSE, E. SAKKERS

3_ COMPETITION LAW AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS
20.06.2025  |  A. LAMADRID, P. IBAÑEZ COLOMO

4_ NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW
27.06.2025  |  J. STEENBERGEN, G. JANS
FOREWORD

All LL.M. courses can now be taken remotely.

The courses are given either entirely remotely by videoconference or in a hybrid format (the course is given in class to students and simultaneously livestreamed).

This format offers students the following benefits:

1. they can take courses from anywhere in the world, conveniently and safely;
2. they can, if they wish, attend classes in person and meet up with their teachers and classmates.

We aim to make it equally convenient for all BSC students to take courses remotely or in person, and to ensure they all have the same opportunities to interact with teaching staff and classmates.

Because that’s the future of education.

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AMBITION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme in Competition Law and Economics has been designed to meet the needs of companies and their counsels, who have to cope with increasingly complex competition rules and the unprecedented economic risks arising from the enforcement of those rules.

THE PROGRAMME HAS 5 UNIQUE DEFINING FEATURES

1. It offers practical training, thanks to an experienced contingent of competition lawyers, economic consultants, and senior officials

2. It provides high-level lectures taught by outstanding academics

3. It embraces a modern approach to training, fully reflecting the interdisciplinary nature (law and economics) of competition policy

4. It proposes a flexible training programme compatible with the requirements of professional practice

5. It gives its students opportunities to socialise and meet fellow competition professionals on a regular basis

AND HAS 2 MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare fresh graduates for entry in the demanding competition market

2. To provide an upgrade for established competition experts on contemporary developments in law, economics and policy
PARTICIPANTS’ PROFILE

› Business lawyers and economic consultants (junior and senior) seeking to expand, improve or refresh their knowledge of competition law and economics.

› Companies, not only in-house lawyers, but also managers, executives and public affairs experts who come across competition issues in their daily business activities.

› Civil servants from competition agencies, sectoral regulators, public administrations and state-owned companies, who regularly have to deal with situations involving competition law.

› Young graduates in law or economics who seek to add another string to their bow.

SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT TOOK PART TO THE PROGRAMME

AB INBEV, ACCENTURE, ARNOLD & PORTER, ASHURST, AUSTRIAN FEDERAL COMPETITION AUTHORITY, AUTHORITY FOR CONSUMERS AND MARKETS, BAKER BOTTS, BASF, BAYER, BELFIUS, BELGIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY, BIPT, BIRD & BIRD, BOSCH AND SIEMENS, BPOST, COVINGTON & BURLING, CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY, CARMEUSE, CLEARY GOTTlieB STEEN HAMILTON, COCA-COLA EUROPEAN PARTNERS, CONTRAST, COVINGTON & BURLING LLP, CROWELL MORING, D’IETEREN, DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK, DELHAIZE GROUP, DELOITTE, DENTONS KENSINGTON SWAN, D’IETEREN, DISTRIGAS, EDF, ELECTRABEL, ELIA, EUROCLEAR, EUROPEAN BANKING FEDERATION, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, FEBELCEM, FINCO, FOCUS ADVOKATER, GARRIGUES, GAZPROM, GIBSON DUNN, GLAXOSMITHKLINE, HITACHI, HONEYWELL, HOUTHOFF BURUMA, HP BELGIUM, HUNTSMAN, IBPT, ICEWATCH, JANSON BAUGNiet, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JONES DAY, KBC, LAGA, LHOIST, LINEAS, LINKLATERS, LITHUANIAN COMPETITION COUNCIL, LOYENS & LOEFF, MASTERCARD, MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY, MICROSOFT, MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL HOLDINGS EUROPE, MONARD LAW, NAUTADUTILH, NMBS, PANASONIC, PIERSTONE, PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, PROVIRON, PURatos, RACINE, RBB ECONOMICS, SAMSUNG, SAP, SCHREDER, SHEARMAN & STERLING, SHEPPARD MULLIN, SIEMENS, SODEXO, SOGETI BELGIUM, SPADEL, SPE LUMINUS, SPF ECONOMY, SWIFT, TELENET, THYSSENKRUPP, TOTAL, TOYOTA MOTOR, UMICORE, VAN BAEL & BELLIS, VERIZON...
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY?

EDUCATION
All applicants must hold a Master degree in law, in economics or in management science. Alternatively, applicants may hold a Master in another field and demonstrate sufficient legal expertise (e.g., professional experience or additional training in law). The Brussels School of Competition will ask participants to provide proof of their academic qualifications.

LANGUAGE SKILLS
A working knowledge of English is required (Council of Europe, Independent User, scale B2).

VISA REQUIREMENTS
Participants must hold a valid visa when they attend the programme at the Brussels School of Competition.

Non-EU foreign students may have to provide a copy of their visa during the application process. Relevant information may be found on the website of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs: http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/studying_in_belgium

No visa is required for distance learning classes.

FEES
The tuition fee is €6,500 * for the entire course (10 modules • 4 clinical seminars).

The fee for a single module is €700. The fee for each clinical seminar is €250.

Students interested in spreading their attendance over 2 years should mention it at the beginning of the application process. The Board may then allow the programme to be spread over a maximum of two years. Students who want to spread the programme over two years will be requested to pay a €500 fee per additional year. This fee covers administrative costs.

The course fees are due before registration deadlines.

REGISTRATION
LL.M. programme applicants must submit their application no later than 15th September 2024. The registration form can be downloaded directly from the Brussels School of Competition website:

www.bsc-brussels.eu/interuniversity-certificate-in-competition-law

As a rule, tuition fees must be paid in full prior to the start of the programme or chosen module/seminar. Upon receipt of payment, the student’s BSC account will be activated and registration will be complete.

The programme is geared towards the requirements of working professionals. Participants may decide to follow only part of the programme, opting for a limited range of modules/clinical seminars which correspond to their main areas of interest.

Students attending the programme, or part of it, are entitled to continuing professional development (CPD) points from the relevant authorities.
ORGANISATION

TIMETABLE

The Interuniversity certificate in Competition Law covers a full academic year, starting on 16 September 2024 and ending on 23 June 2025. The course is held on Fridays afternoon online or at the premises of the BluePoint Brussels. The programme is divided into 10 modules and 4 clinical seminars.

Each module takes place over a period of three weeks, with three weekly lectures on Friday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. In addition to the modules, the clinical seminars will be held on three consecutive Fridays, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

You will be able to watch the lecture online and to attend one lecture per module in the classroom.

ASSESSMENT

In order to obtain the Interuniversity certificate in Competition Law, students must:

1. **ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MODULES**

   At the end of each module, students will be assessed via an individual take-home exam, which may include case studies or multiple-choice questions. These exams must be completed and submitted within two weeks. Typically, exams are available a few days after the module ends, though delays may occur due to instructors’ schedules. Clinical seminars are not formally assessed.

2. **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

   In order to maintain a dynamic and effective learning environment, it is essential students attend all scheduled classes, both held in person or online. Although attendance is not mandatory for all classes, students are allowed up to three absences over the course of the semester. Excused absences will be granted in the case of illness or emergency. In case of absence, students must provide appropriate documentation, such as a doctor’s note or other verifiable evidence. We understand however that work related events can occur and force students to miss classes.

   Students based abroad are exempt from the attendance policy but are encouraged to actively participate, whereas students based in Belgium are strongly encouraged to come on site.

3. **DISSERTATION**

   As part of the certificate, each student must write a short dissertation of 25-30 pages. The topic of the dissertation may be related to the student’s day-to-day professional practice. Where possible, dissertations must cover both the legal and economic aspects of competition law.

   Dissertation topics must be submitted to, and approved by, the BSC Board in consultation with the team of professors in charge of the relevant module. If two or more similar topics are submitted for approval, topics will be attributed on a first come, first served basis.

4. **AN INTERUNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN COMPETITION LAW**

   Participants who complete the full programme and pass the assessment examination will receive an Interuniversity Certificate in Competition Law, as well as 32 credits (see European recognition and the decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of studies). The certificate is personally significant for the participant’s training and education plan, and the credits can be used when pursuing academic training in Europe (provided the credits are accepted by the programme for which the participant would subsequently like to enrol).

TEACHING MATERIALS

Students will receive an online documentation pack comprising an outline of their course and relevant regulations, case law and academic literature for each module. Students may be given reading assignments. Students will have access to an online teaching platform where they can upload the exam and consult the materials before and during each course. All the courses will be filmed (video recording available for each session) and uploaded on the student platform.
1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO
COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS

- Session 1: 20.09.2024
- Session 2: 27.09.2024
- Session 3: 04.10.2024

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

- Nicola Petit
  Head of Department
  European University
  Institute

- Benoit Durand
  Partner
  RBB Economics

 CONTENT

- Practical importance of competition law
- Macro and micro economic effects of competition policy
- Perfect competition, monopoly and oligopoly (Cournot and Bertrand)
- The relevant market, market definition, the hypothetical monopolist test
- Market power (incl. measurement techniques), market concentration, barriers to entry/expansion
- The cellophane fallacy and other common fallacies
- Overview of the competition rules and their history
- The German ordo-liberal school
- The market integration ethos
- Institutions, enforcement and procedures
- Relationship between EU and national competition law
- Effect on trade between Member States
- The concept of undertaking
- Extraterritorial application of EU competition law and the effects doctrine
- Case studies

2. THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF CARTEL AGREEMENTS

- Session 1: 20.09.2024
- Session 2: 27.09.2024
- Session 3: 04.10.2024

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

- Benno Buehler
  Vice President
  Charles River
  Associates

- Ewoud Sakkers
  Head of Unit
  European Commission

- Johan Ysewyn
  Partner
  Covington & Burling

 CONTENT

- Collusion and leniency in economic theory
- Economic and historical background of cartel enforcement
- Types of cartel practices
- Administrative procedure
- The leniency programme
- Fines and limitation periods
- Parental liability and other imputability issues
- Judicial review in cartel cases
- The settlement procedure
- International cooperation in cartel cases
- Case studies
- Judicial review in cartel cases
- The settlement procedure
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- Case studies

PROFESSORS

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THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF HORIZONTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

session 1 > 15.11.2024
session 2 > 22.11.2024
session 3 > 29.11.2024

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

PROFESSORS

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Partner
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CONTENT

▶ Joint ventures – general issues
▶ Principles of analysis under Art. 101 TFEU
▶ Exchange of information agreements
▶ R&D agreements
▶ Production agreements
▶ Purchasing agreements and buyer groups
▶ Commercialization agreements
▶ Standardization/standard terms generally
▶ Standardization/IPR-related issues
▶ The specific example of airlines alliances
▶ Estimation of follow-on damages

LIVE STREAM CLASSES
CLASSES WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE.
IN THE EVENT THAT TEACHERS ARE UNABLE TO HOST CLASSES ON-SITE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES PROMPTLY.

THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF MERGER CONTROL

session 1 > 06.12.2024
session 2 > 13.12.2024
session 3 > 20.12.2024

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

PROFESSORS

NICHOLAS LEVY
Partner
Clayton, Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton

MIGUEL DE LA MANO
Executive Vice President
Compass Lexecon

Michele Piergiovanni
Head of Unit DG COMP
European Commission

CONTENT

▶ Adoption of the EUMR
▶ Application of the EUMR
▶ Pillars of EU merger control
▶ Comparison with U.S. merger control law
▶ Evolution of EU merger control
▶ Notion of concentration
▶ EUMR jurisdiction and division of powers with Member States
▶ Market definition under the EUMR
▶ SIEC test and the economic fundamentals of merger control
▶ Horizontal mergers
▶ Vertical mergers
▶ Conglomerate mergers
▶ Failing firm
▶ Efficiencies
▶ Evidentiary principles, standard of proof, checks and balances
▶ Types of evidence: merging parties’ documents, witness statements, consumer surveys, quantitative evidence, etc.
▶ Remedies: divestitures, severance of links with rivals, other remedies
▶ Judicial review, damages, expedited procedure, appeals to EU Courts
THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

Introduction to the new Vertical Block Exemption Regulation 2024/720 and the new Vertical Guidelines
Common features (notion of agreements, market share threshold, etc.)
Exclusive distribution
Non-exclusive distribution
Selective distribution
Franchising
Resale price maintenance
Active and passive sales
Agency
On-line distribution
Single branding, upfront access payment and category management
Vertical coordination (double marginalization, retail services, free riding, commitment problem)
Inter-brand versus intra-brand competition
Workshops

THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF ABUSE OF DOMINANCE

- Dominance
- History of article 102 TFEU – Exploitation v. Exclusion
- The effects-based approach
- The concept of abuse, general considerations
- Predatory pricing
- Rebates
- Refusal to deal
- Margin squeeze
- Price discrimination
- Tying/bundling
- Abuse of collective dominance
- Other abusive practices
- Case studies
Brief historical and economic background
The notion of State aid: legal concept v. economic theory
State aid administrative procedure (European Commission procedure)
Judicial review (EU and national courts)
Compatibility assessment of State aid: the central role of economic theory – the balancing test

DG COMP and other relevant Commission organs
Decentralisation under Regulation 1/2003, the role of NCAs and of national judges
Infringement decisions and remedies
The settlement procedure
Interim measures
Withdrawal of block exemptions
Commitments, voluntary adjustments, inapplicability, etc.
Informal guidance
Fines
Appeals before the C.J.E.U.
Annulment proceedings
Failure to act
Actions for damages
Case studies

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9_ COMPETITION LAW AND THE REGULATION OF NETWORK INDUSTRIES

session 1 > 11.04.2025
session 2 > 18.04.2025
session 3 > 25.04.2025

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

PROFESSORS

CAROLE MACZKOVICS
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ALEXANDRE DE STREEL
Professor UNamur &
College of Europe

JUAN CARLOS BISSO
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Compass Lexecon

RUXANDRA CIUPAGEA
Executive Vice President
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10_ EU COMPETITION LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

session 1 > 09.05.2025
session 2 > 16.05.2025
session 3 > 23.05.2025

13.5 HOURS
2 CREDITS

PROFESSORS

MIGUEL RATO
Partner
Quinn Emanuel

ESTHER VAN ZIMMEREN
Professor
University of Antwerp

CONTENT

› Regulation and regulatory theory: Why regulation (legal, political and economic reasons)?
› Market opening reforms and basic components of regulation: EU liberalisation policy
› Institutions of regulation (Commission, national regulatory agencies)
› Energy regulation (gas and electricity)
› Electronic communications regulation
› Price regulation
› Access price regulation, vertical separation and investment
› Universal service and Internet neutrality
› Application of competition policy to electronic communications markets: margin squeeze, cartels, mergers
› Application of competition law to energy markets: abuse, agreements, mergers
› Relationship between competition law and regulation
› Case studies

CONTENT

› Economic rationale for the protection of intellectual creations
› Various types of IPRs and their respective regulatory frameworks
› Alternative instruments to encourage innovation
› Use and abuse of IP rights, including IP Licensing practices and compulsory licensing
› Competition Law and IP in ICT and platform markets
› Cumulative innovations, hold-up and tragedy of the anti-commons
› Standard-setting, network effects and licensing
› The pharmaceutical sector inquiry and patent settlements
1. COMPETITION AND ARBITRATION

**PROFESSORS**

- **XAVIER TATON**
  Partner
  Linklaters

- **FRANK WICKMANS**
  Partner
  contrast

- **OLIVIER CAPRASSE**
  Professor
  University of Liège

**CONTENT**

- Arbitrability and public policy
- Duty for arbitrators to raise competition law issues
- Arbitration as an appropriate tool to litigate private damages claims
- Unenforceability defense in contract litigation
- Relevance and weight of decisions issued by competition authorities in arbitration proceedings

**LIVE STREAM CLASSES**

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2. COMPETITION COMPLIANCE

**PROFESSORS**

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  European Commission

- **JONAS KOPONEN**
  Partner
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- **ANGÉLIQUE DE BROUSSE**
  Senior Legal Counsel
  Johnson & Johnson

**CONTENT**

- Arbitrability of Competition Claims: Traditional View (until mid-1980s), Evolving Approach
- Scope of Arbitration Clauses
- Arbitrators and Competition Law
  - Powers, limitations and obligations of Arbitrators
  - Ex Officio Application of Competition Law
  - Review of Arbitrators’ Decisions
- Public Policy Violations
- Cooperation with Authorities
- Competition Law in the U.S
- Arbitration as a Tool
- Competition Law During Arbitration Proceedings
- Non-Governmental Decision-Maker
- Difference from Other ADRs
- Mediation, Conciliation, Technical Expert Investigation, Expert Determination
- Party Autonomy
- Certainty and Centralization
- Balanced Procedures
- Preliminary and Conservatory Measures
- Drafting Arbitration Clauses
- Institutional or Ad Hoc
- ADRs Before Arbitration
CLINICAL SEMINARS

3. COMPETITION LAW & DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Session > 21.06.2025
4.5 HOURS

Professors

Alfonso Lamadrid
Partner
Garrigues

Pablo Ibañez Colomo
Professor of Law
London School of Economics and Political Science

Jacques Steenbergen
Former President
the Belgian Competition Authority

Griet Jans
Chief Economist
the Belgian Competition Authority

Content

› Unique Market Characteristics:
› Multi-sided Platforms/Markets/Business Models
› Network Effects
› Case Studies: (Google Shopping; Google Android; Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Clauses; Amazon Marketplace
› Digital Markets Act (DMA): Purpose and Objectives; Designation Procedure
› DMA Obligations: Article 5 (Self-executing obligations); Article 6; Other Obligations
› Legal and Institutional Issues

LIVE STREAM CLASSES

Classes will be broadcast live.
In the event that teachers are unable to host classes on-site due to unforeseen circumstances, the sessions will be conducted online. Participants will be notified of any changes promptly.

4. NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW

Session > 27.06.2025
4.5 HOURS

Professors

Jacques Steenbergen
Former President
the Belgian Competition Authority

Griet Jans
Chief Economist
the Belgian Competition Authority

Content

› Recent developments in Belgian Competition Policy
› The institutional framework
› Priority policy
› Infringement cases
  - substantive issue
  - procedure
  - sanctions
› Merger control
  - substantive issues
  - procedural issues and remedies
› Judicial review
› ECN and international cooperation
› Advocacy and informal competition policy
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www.bsc-brussels.eu

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www.brussels.info

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US?

The programme was very beneficial for me as a practicing lawyer. I am working full-time but was able to combine my work with BSC classes thanks to a very convenient schedule. (...) My LL.M. journey was very fruitful and transformative as I look forward to applying the learnings that I acquired here in my practice as a government lawyer in the Philippines.

VALERIIA LEPSKA
Lawyer at Liedekerke

The BSC LL.M. Program in Competition Law & Economics is a class on its own. As someone who comes from a non-EU country, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the depth of this LL.M program. (...) In addition to the enlightening classes, the programme is a great network of professors and students from different countries. Very thankful for such a tailor-made programme as I apply the gained knowledge in my day-to-day work.

GLENN THYRON S. ANCHETA
Philippines

Teaching by top-class experts in their fields make this program extremely useful for practitioners – even those with already several years of experience in EU competition law. By involving practising lawyers, economists and the European Commission’s officials, BSC gave me the unique opportunity to view some well-known topics from multi-angle perspectives.

SZYMON GOLEBIOWSKI
Senior Associate (Competition and Antitrust)
Bird & Bird

These lectures allow me, a layman, to quickly grasp competition law principles. You can learn from senior officers, distinguished, lawyers, professors, and economists. You will have a better understanding of the latest development in competition law. I believe you will enjoy it too!

VIVIAN PAN
ETR Law
The Friends of the BSC a.s.b.l. were founded in 2024 by eight alumni of the BSC LL.M. program. The purpose of the Friends of the BSC a.s.b.l. is to provide a forum for networking and professional development for the alumni of the BSC (LL.M. programme and others), students enrolled with the BSC, and other interested parties.

The Friends of the BSC will promote discussion of and interest in competition law, economics, and policy as a professional field and academic discipline. This will allow our members to remain engaged through events organised and/or hosted by the Friends of the BSC.

Projects of the Friends of the BSC already include a successful online-event series called "Competition Law and Economics @ Lunch Time", where esteemed speakers address topical subjects to large audiences. In addition, the Friends of the BSC have recently launched the ‘Ask a Friend of the BSC’ Career Hub, which will allow students of the BSC study programs as well as young professionals to connect with BSC alumni and ask them for advice.

Overall, examples of the Friends of the BSC’s projects include, inter alia, networking events, promoting interest in competition law, economics, and policy, content creation and assistance with content creation, and career advice to BSC candidates.

Applications for membership are always welcome and can be addressed through BSC.

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