

Competition Policy in Practice: The Economics of EC Case Law

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The goal of this course is to familiarize students with some of the economic tools used in competition policy cases in Europe. Each session will start with a brief overview of the relevant concepts and a description of the analytical methods employed in that session, and will then focus on one or more EC competition cases. Students are supposed to read the accompanying material prior to each class.

September 8th – Article 82

Session 1: Market Definition and Dominance

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Commission's Notice on the definition of the relevant market, 1997.
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, *The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC*, Hart Publishing, 2006, Chapters 2 and 3.

Session 2: Excessive Prices

- Readings:
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, *The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC*, Hart Publishing, 2006, Chapter 12.

Session 3: Predation

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, *Guidance on the Commission's enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 EC.*, 2009.
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, *The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC*, Hart Publishing, 2006, Chapter 5.

Session 4: Loyalty Rebates

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Guidance on the Commission's enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 EC., 2009.
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC, Hart Publishing, 2006, Chapter 7.

Session 5: Refusal to deal

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Guidance on the Commission's enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 EC., 2009.
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC, Hart Publishing, 2006, Chapter 8.

Session 6: Tying

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Guidance on the Commission's enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 EC., 2009.
 - Robert O'Donoghue and Jorge Padilla, The Law and Economics of Article 82 EC, Hart Publishing, forthcoming 2006, Chapter 9.

September 9th –Mergers

Session 7: Horizontal mergers

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Horizontal merger guidelines, 2004.

Session 8: Vertical mergers

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Non Horizontal merger guidelines, 2008.

September 9th –Other Topics

Session 9: Fines and Deference

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Guidelines on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty, 2004.

Session 10: Efficiency defences in horizontal and vertical agreements

- Readings:
 - DG Competition, Guidelines on the method of setting fines, 2006.