

8,462 International Competition Policy

Course Outline

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Objectives of the course:

This course will describe and analyse the developments in recent years in international competition policy. These developments include those at the International Competition Network, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations, and the World Trade Organization. Furthermore, some important countries have signed inter-agency and inter-governmental agreements that cover competition law and policy. Comparing these initiatives and thinking through the correct metrics for evaluating such initiatives is important. Understanding the relationships between these initiatives is worthy of study too. Economic and legal tools will be used throughout this course.

Textbook for the course:

There is no textbook for the course. Students should read the documents recommended for each lecture.

Programme of lectures for the course and associated readings:

| <i>Date of lecture:</i> | <i>Subject matter of lecture:</i> | <i>Readings for each lecture.</i> |
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| 18.02 | Introduction to the course: core concepts, definitions, and delimiting the area of study. | Evenett, <i>What is the Relationship between Competition Law and Policy and Economic Development ?</i> Published in <i>Competition Policy and Development in Asia</i> . London: Palgrave Macmillan. Edited by Douglas H. Brooks and Simon J. Evenett. Section II only. |
| 25.02 | The relationship | Evenett, <i>What is the Relationship between Competition Law and Policy and Economic Development ?</i> Published in <i>Competition Policy and</i> |

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| | between competition policy and economic development. | <i>Development in Asia</i> . London: Palgrave Macmillan. Edited by Douglas H. Brooks and Simon J. Evenett. All sections. Evenett. Competition and the Millenium Development Goals: "New" Evidence from Official Sources . 20 February 2006. |
| 06.03 | No lecture. Complete and submit the one page description of your paper to me by 06.03.08 | |
| 10.03 | The relationship between competition policy and international trade and investment. | International Competition Policy Advisory Committee (ICPAC). <i>Where Trade and Competition Intersect</i> . Chapter 5 of their Final Report. Available at http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/icpac/chapter5.htm |
| 12.03 | The relationship between competition policy and industrial policy. | Evenett Would Enforcing Competition Law Compromise Industry Policy Objectives? Published in <i>Competition Policy and Development in Asia</i> . London: Palgrave Macmillan. Edited by Douglas H. Brooks and Simon J. Evenett. |
| 12.03 | The fall of the International Trade Organisation and the Havana Charter. | See pages 47-51 of the original Havana Charter, which can be downloaded from: http://www.worldtradelaw.net/misc/havana.pdf |
| 13.03 | Developments at the OECD and at UNCTAD. | Read the Recommendations on competition law and policy that are listed on the OECD web page at: http://www.oecd.org/document/59/0,2340,en_2649_37463_4599739_1_1_1_37463,00.html Information on the UN Set can be found at http://r0.unctad.org/en/subsites/cpolicy/docs/CPSet/rbpc10rev20en.pdf |
| 17.03 | Competition Policy and Market Access: The Munich Group and the Debate over Japan. | Saxonhouse. "What does Japanese Trade Structure Tell Us About Japanese Trade Policy?" <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> . Summer 1993. Available at www.jstor.org . Lawrence. "Japan's Different Trade Regime: An Analysis with Particular Reference to the Kiertsu." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> . Summer 1993. Available at www.jstor.org . Petersmann, Ernst-Ulrich. 1994. "Proposals For Negotiating International Competition Rules In The GATT/WTO World Trade And Legal System," <i>Aussenwirtschaft</i> . Volume 49. Available in the library. |
| 19.03 | Proposals for a Multilateral Framework on Competition Policy. | Clarke and Evenett. A Multilateral Framework for Competition Policy? In State Secretariat of Economic Affairs and Simon J. Evenett (eds). <i>The Singapore Issues and The World Trading System: The Road to Cancun and Beyond</i> . June 2003. |
| 20.03 | The International Competition Network. | Evenett and Hijzen. Conformity with International Recommendations on Merger Reviews: An Economic Perspective on "Soft Law." 20 February 2006. |
| TBA | Competition Provisions in regional trade | Evenett. What can we really learn from the competition provisions of regional trade agreements? Published in Lucian Cernat, Philippe Brusick and Ana Maria Alvarez, editors, <i>Competition Provisions in Regional Trade</i> |

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| | agreements. | <i>Agreements: How to Assure Development Gains.</i> New York & Geneva: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. November 2005. |
| TBA | The future of international competition policy. | Evenett. <i>Trouble in Paradise: Will Technocrats Review Global Mergers Forever?</i> To be upload on www.evenett.com soon (look in section on What is New?) March 2006. |

Please note that the meetings of the class originally scheduled for 28 February and 27 March will have to be rescheduled.

Assessment method for this course:

There is no exam for this course. Each student will be expected to complete a paper involving original research. A list of topics for research papers will be suggested at the beginning of the term. (There are many interesting topics that can be researched by lawyers or by economists.) On 6 March 2008 students will be expected to submit a one page description of the paper that they intend on writing. These descriptions/outlines will be discussed in a lecture. The paper will be due on 2 May 2008,

Suggestions for allocating time for this course:

As this is a four credit course, students are expected to devote 120 hours to this course. Twenty-two of those hours are spent in lectures. One suggestion is that students devote two hours per week reading material for the class, totally approximately 22 hours. This leaves just under 80 hours of time to prepare the paper.