**JOKV461NA0 - EU Competition Law Case Studies**

**Summary**

The seminar introduces students to the most important rules and relevant case law in the field of EU competition law. Specifically, the course will open with an overview of the most important concepts of competition law and EU institutions playing a role in decision making. We will analyze relevant principles of European law, how to read EU Court cases, and EU Commission decisions. We will select both old and new cases that set precedent. Topics to be addressed include cartels, the role of human rights, sanctions, abuse of dominance, merger rules, state monopolies and state aid. There is no prerequisite to this course beyond a good working knowledge of English, but those will benefit the most, who have learnt about EU law and/or competition law.

 **Office Hours:** by appointment, you can reach me at toth.tihamer@jak.ppke.hu.

**Materials:** EU competition law cases that will be studied during the seminars.

**Requirements and Grading:**

This seminar meets once each week for 90 minutes. It is therefore important that you attend every meeting and come prepared to discuss the cases (i.e. reading the assigned materials in advance). Students are not expected to read the whole text of the cases, but only the relevant paragraphs advised by the lecturer.

Your final grade in this course will be comprised of your contributions to our meetings and your work with assignments (60%), and the result of an interim test (40%).

With respect to the first item, your grade will be based on attendance, participation and presentation. Depending upon the size of the class, students can give a 15-20 minute in-class presentation based on the assigned materials (during meetings #3-11). Each of you is expected to be in a position each week to contribute to the discussions of the readings. Some home assignments will require that you answer a couple of questions until the day before the forthcoming lecture.

The interim test will be an open book exercise, where you will be expected to read and understand an EU Court judgment, and answer some questions relating to the text. This test is planned for the 8-10th meetings.

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all seminars. Students may be excused from class in the event of illness, family emergency, or a university-excused absence. After two unexcused absences, I will lower your course grade by one grade point for each additional absence.

**Course plan – EU competition law cases**

1. **EU competition rules: aims, sources of law, most important prohibitions**
2. **EU institutions applying the rules: EU Commission, EU Courts, national authorities and courts**
3. **Dyestuffs: territorial scope of antitrust rules, concerted practices**
4. **“modern cartel cases”: leniency, settlement, fines review**
5. **Irish beef: restrictions by object, exemption, state support**
6. **VW Italy: vertical restrictions, parallel trade, export prohibition, fines**
7. **Höfner & Elser v. Macrotron: state monopolies, concept of undertakings**
8. **Intel: abuse of dominance, protecting the structure of the market, fines**
9. **Ryanair/Air Lingus: felvásárlások engedélyezése (tiltása), horizontális átfedés, piacdefiníció, feltételek/kötelezettségek**
10. **Van der Kooy: állami támogatás fogalma, állami forrás, versenytorzulás, piaci befektető elve**