

Call for papers

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Academics and practitioners are invited to submit research and critical papers that refer to law & economics of competition and sector-specific regulation (energy, electronic communications, post, transport, media) for YARS 2021, volumes 14(23) and 14(24).

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Submission deadline: by 15 March 2021

We kindly encourage you to express your interest to publish before submitting your contribution.

Submissions should be sent to:

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Contributions may focus on

- antitrust rules & case-law
- state aid
- pro-competitive regulation
- economics of antitrust and sector-specific regulation.

YARS volume 14(23): competition law under scrutiny

The YARS volume 14(23) will mainly focus on the field of competition law under scrutiny. Indeed, in recent years, numerous new challenges to competition law have risen, with shifts in the paradigm of the markets, the evolution of the economic and political framework, etc.

For example, the rise of big tech companies and the growing value of the data economy has led the European Commission to question the definition of relevant market and to consider the introduction of new competition law tools. Moreover, the transition to digital markets and the increasing importance of e-commerce threaten the current vertical distribution model,

as well as the existing barriers between member states, etc.

On a different level, the economic crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic and a loosening of the control on state aid have had an impact on the enforcement of competition law, at national and supranational level, in particular with regard to mergers and coordination between competitors. More generally, the evolution of the economic and political system of the EU Member States has shaped the application of competition law.

Contributions addressing the challenges that call into question the current system of competition law, in particular at European level, are particularly welcome for the YARS 2021, vol. 14(23), but the volume is also open to other issues related to competition and sector-specific regulation.

YARS volume 14(23) is co-edited by Agata Jurkowska-Gomułka, Laura Zoboli and Maciej Bernatt

YARS volume 14(24): sustainability debate (competition and regulation)

The YARS volume 14(24) will mainly focus on the fields of competition law and sectoral regulation in the context of sustainability debate.

It is generally accepted that the main goal of competition law is to protect competition in the market as a means of enhancing consumer welfare and ensuring an efficient allocation of resources. Similar reasoning underlines sector specific regulations. Competitive markets encourage businesses to produce at the lowest cost, to use scarce resources efficiently, to innovate and adopt more energy-efficient technologies, therefore, contributing to environmental and climate policies. In light of the European Green Deal, this special issue calls for contributions on how competition law and ex ante sector specific regulation rules can support sustainability issues, avoiding acting as a barrier to industry initiatives intended to deliver sustainability objectives; and the extent to which existing tools (or new tools) could be used by regulatory authorities to enable them to consider sustainability concerns. Sustainability is understood in a broader context, embracing not only environmental but also a social dimension that benefit current and future generations.

Contributions addressing the topics discussed above are particularly welcome for the YARS 2021, vol. 14(24), but the volume is also open to other issues related to competition and sector-specific regulation.

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YARS accepts

- **articles (the focus is on critical review of both speculative research and practice-based research in law & economics)**
- reviews of national legislation and jurisprudence in antitrust and sector-specific regulation in 2018-2020
- comments to crucial judgments or antitrust/regulatory decisions issued in 2018-2020 including EU courts case-law
- book reviews
- reports of research and scientific activities in 2019-2020 (e.g. conferences, seminars, research projects).

Submission of papers

The final papers should be submitted by **15 March 2021**. Submissions must include: author's name, home institution, title of the paper, table of contents, full text of the article, abstract, keywords and JEL classification.

The maximum length of the article is 10,000 words. **All the contributions should meet standards of APA referencing system.** The reference standards are available https://yars.wz.uw.edu.pl/images/materialy_rozne/YARS_editorial_guidelines.pdf To learn more you can visit YARS website: www.yars.wz.uw.edu.pl

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