

Course Profile

Course Name: Chinese Competition Law

Course Code: X190667

Course Credits: 2

Course Category: Required Elective

Terms Offered:

Fall 1-11 week

Spring _____

Summer_____

Course Pre/Co-requisites: none

Textbook: own materials, including slides, handbook and cases

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Course Description:

This course will provide students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the basics of China's Anti-Monopoly Law. Key topics discussed in the course include cartels, abusing dominant positions, merger control, public restriction of competition law and their enforcement. Case study will be a major element for this course. Moreover, the comparative element allows students to know not only Chinese law but also antitrust law in the EU and USA.

Grading Policy:

Students will be evaluated based on active participation (20%), presentation in the case study (30%) and final Exam (50%)

Syllabus:

1. Introduction to antitrust economics: schools of thoughts on the objectives of antitrust
2. Monopoly agreements: horizontal agreements, vertical agreements, concerted practice
3. Relevant markets and dominance: demand and supply substitution, SSNIP test, single dominance, collective dominance
4. Abusing dominance: excessive pricing, predatory pricing, refusal to deal, bundling, discrimination etc.
5. Merger control: horizontal mergers, vertical mergers, remedies
6. Antitrust procedure law: competition agencies, antitrust investigation, commitments, leniency, litigation
7. Antitrust enforcement in China: general overview of enforcement by three competition agencies and courts, positive aspects, negative aspects
8. Guest lecture 1: e.g. Hong Kong Competition Act
9. Guest lecture 2: e.g. merger review from a lawyer's perspective
10. Case study 1: cases of refusal to deal, collective dominance, bundling
11. Case study 2: cases of price squeeze, exclusive dealing, mergers