

Belgrade Summer School in Law & Economics 2024

University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

July 11th-14th



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We welcome applications from undergraduate and master students of law or economics. The application deadline is May 25th. To apply, please send your CV to bss@ius.bg.ac.rs.



**University of Belgrade Faculty of Law &
Serbian Law and Economics Association**
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The organisers and sponsors of the annual Belgrade Summer School in Law & Economics are the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law and the Serbian Law and Economics Association (SLEA).

The University of Belgrade Faculty of Law is one of the oldest law schools in the region, with more than two centuries-long traditions of excellence in legal education. Currently 8.500 students are pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate studies at the Belgrade Faculty of Law.

The Faculty of Law provides a broad spectrum of high-quality law courses for students, including law and economics courses for Bachelor and LLM students, as well as various extracurricular activities.

The Serbian Law and Economics Association (SLEA) was established in 2017. It gathers distinguished academics and practitioners involved in the economic analysis of law, aiming to promote the scientific movement of Law and Economics in Serbia. Among other activities, the SLEA regularly undertakes new initiatives in developing the field of law and economics, organises seminars, conferences, and summer schools.

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This year, the course (eight lectures, case studies, and student discussions) will provide the law and economics perspective of EU competition law. The lectures will explain the main contours of relevant economic theories and analytical tools used to assess the implications of competition law on consumer welfare and market efficiency. In addition, lectures will guide students through the case studies that will provide practical examples of competition law implications in various EU industries. Finally, discussions will allow students to evaluate the effectiveness of competition law.

The Agenda and application information can be found below.

July 11th

Lectures 1 and 2

**LAW AND ECONOMICS OF COMPETITION LAW:
HORIZONTAL RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS**

Prof. Dr Bojan Ristić,
University of Belgrade Faculty of Economics

Lectures provide a broad analytical framework for understanding market dynamics, assessing the impact of competition on economic welfare, and designing efficient laws and regulations. The students will become familiar with the basics of competition law, its main conceptions (market power and relevant market), and evaluation of horizontal anti-competitive practices' effects on prices, quality, and innovations. The aim of these lectures is twofold – to introduce students to competition law and its main pillars, particularly the horizontal restrictive agreements (101 TFEU), and to delve into the evolving role of artificial intelligence in facilitating collusion, emphasizing the necessity to adjust legal frameworks to these technological advancements.

These lectures also explore the methodological and normative constraints associated with the application of law and economics, examine the current influence of economic principles in legal analysis, and identify potential areas for future research within this domain.

July 11th

Extracurricular activities

Study visit to one of the renowned law firms in Belgrade, competition law department.

Bojan Ristić is an Associate Professor at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Economics and Business who specialises in several professional areas, including microeconomics and law and economics of competition. He has published in international and national academic journals and other publications on many contemporary issues regarding competition law and policy. Moreover, he actively contributed to several EBRD projects to strengthen the institutional capacity of the national competition authority. At the University of Belgrade Faculty of Economics and Business, he has been teaching Microeconomics, Industrial Organisation, and Competition Policy courses.

July 12th

Lecture 3 and 4

**LAW AND ECONOMICS OF COMPETITION LAW:
ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION**

Prof. Dr Nikola Ilić,
University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

This course will provide the law and economics perspective on the abuse of dominance within EU competition law. It will consist of two lectures integrating the theoretical findings, case studies, and student discussions.

The lectures will provide contours of the relevant economic theories and basics of EU competition law. The lectures will include monopoly theories, theories of harm and anti-competitive effects of abuse of dominance, and efficiency justifications for dominant firms conduct. The main theoretical findings will enable in-depth legal interpretation and analysis of Article 102 TFEU, and a profound understanding of EU competition law treatment of abuse of dominance.

The case studies will provide practical examples of abuse of dominance in various EU industries, while discussions will allow students to analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of EU competition law and policy.

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Nikola Ilić is an Assistant Professor of Economics and Economic Analysis of Law at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law. During his academic career, he perfected his knowledge of economic analysis of law, among other institutions, at the University of Chicago Sandor-Coase Institute for Law and Economics (2019) and George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School – Law and Economics Center (2022). He is a secretary of the Serbian Law and Economics Association (SLEA), member of the American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), and managing editor of the Belgrade Law Review – Annals of the Faculty of Law in Belgrade. Before academia, Nikola gained practical experience in an international law firm in Belgrade and passed the Bar exam.

July 13th

Lecture 5 and 6

**LAW AND ECONOMICS OF COMPETITION LAW:
MERGER CONTROL AND ITS APPLICATION IN
BANKING SECTOR**

Prof. Dr Boris Begović,
University of Belgrade Faculty of Law

The lecture 5 and 6 will explain mergers and their business motives, as well as their consequences for competition. Moreover, they will establish the rationale for merger control as the cornerstone of competition law, and explain the procedures for merger control and their implementation. In particular, the lectures will explain the aims and mechanisms of banking sector regulations, while describing contradiction between competition and stability of the banking sector. The conflicting demands in merger control in the banking sector for competition authorities and for national banking regulators will be analysed. The case study of Lloyds TSB – HBOS merger in the UK with different attitudes of the competition authority and banking regulator will be presented.

The aim of the lectures is to enable students to comprehend and to make their own views on the merger control in general and especially in the case of the banking sector, emphasising the contradiction between competition and stability of the banking sector.

July 13th

Extracurricular activities

A guided tour of Belgrade

Boris Begović is a Professor at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law (retired), specialised in a number of professional areas, including law and economics of competition law. He has published in this area in numerous international journals (including the Review of Industrial Organization), edited and contributed to several international edited volumes, and published substantially in national academic journals on a number of issues of the law and economics of competition law. He has actively participated in several EBRD projects focused on enhancing the institutional capabilities of national competition authorities. Additionally, he has been teaching courses on Competition Law as well as Law and Economics at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law.

July 14th

Lecture 7 and 8

INSIGHTS FROM THE ENFORCER'S SIDE

Maja Dobrić,
Senior Adviser at the Commission for Protection
of Competition

*Those lectures will provide an in-depth analysis
of landmark cases and valuable insights from
the enforcer's perspective.*

*By analysing selected competition law cases,
the participants will gain profound insights into
the intricate interplay between relevant legal
frameworks and economic principles governing
competition in both Serbia and the EU.*

Maja Dobrić is a Senior Adviser within the Restrictive Practices Division at the Serbian Competition Authority (Commission for Protection of Competition) and has been the youngest case handler there for over seven years. She holds a Master's Degree in European integration (2016) and has specialized in Competition Law at King's College London, completing an LLM in Competition Law in 2020 with Distinction. During her career, she has dealt with various cases of restrictive agreements and abuse of dominance and is one of the authors of the Commission's materials on competition compliance. Maja has been a member of the Unilateral Conduct Working Group and the Cartel Working Group of the International Competition Network (ICN) on behalf of the CPC since 2021. Before joining the CPC, Maja gained practical experience in a commercial law firm in Belgrade and passed the Bar exam.

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Attendance Fee

The attendance fee for the Belgrade Summer School in Law and Economics is 200 EUR (early bird free) and 250 EUR (regular fee). The attendance fee includes lectures, reading materials, a certificate upon successful attendance, refreshments, and a meal per each lecturing day.

Materials and Housing

Reading materials will be accessible online or in hard copy at least 20 days before the course. Please note that the University of Belgrade cannot assist participants in finding accommodation and financial aid to attend the Summer School. However, we encourage all candidates to apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship

Two best-ranked candidates (one bachelor and one master candidate) will be awarded a scholarship to attend the Belgrade Summer School in Law and Economics free of charge.



UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, LECTURES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE FACULTY OF LAW CEREMONIAL HALL, BULEVAR KRALJA ALEKSANDRA 67, 11 000 BELGRADE.

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