

Report on the Nordic Academic Network for Competition Law organized on April 15.-16. in Helsinki, Finland

The Nordic Academic Network for Competition Law was organized on April 15.-16. in Helsinki by the Department of Accounting and Business Law, Aalto University.

We had presentations of the doctoral researcher on Monday the 15 April. Presentations of the doctoral researcher were followed by comments of a professor level discussant, who had received the presentation in advance.

The second day, Tuesday April 16, consisted of presentations of senior researchers. On the second day we had also the Nordic roundtable on national developments.

Based on the feedback given by the ca. 30 participants from various Nordic countries the event was a great success.

The support of the Konkurrensverket allowed us to cover the local organizing cost as well as to pay the flights for all foreign doctoral students as well as one night hotel for all participants. The local team had a pro bono organization and no salaries were paid for organizing the conference.

According to the controller of our department Mr. Tapani Mikola the total cost of the conference was euro 8225,79 which is below the support received by the Konkurrensverket. We would like to transfer the unused money back to Konkurrensverket. Could you please send us the account number?

As to the results of the conference, it can be said that we had high quality scientific presentations on many interesting questions relating inter alia to digital markets, merger control, competition law court cases in the Nordic countries as well as public procurement. Doctoral researcher were able to get comments from Nordic competition law professors, which is also important to educate the next generation of competition law scholars in the Nordic countries.

We are very grateful for your support that made this conference possible.

Helsinki, November 13, 2024

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Attachments:

- Final program of the conference
- Cost report

FINAL PROGRAM

Nordic Academic Network for Competition Law

**April 15.-16. Organized by Department of Accounting and Business Law,
Aalto University, Helsinki**

Day 1 – Monday 15. April 2024 – Ph.D. Presentations

Venue: Aalto University, Business School, Ekonominaukio 1, 02150 Espoo

Room R038/T004, Aalto Business School main lobby (close to the main entrance)

12.00-13.00 Registration and Buffet Lunch

13.00-15.15 First Afternoon Panel

Welcome – moderator Professor Petri Kuoppamäki, Aalto University

Presentations by the doctoral students and comments by a discussant, who has received a paper/presentation in advance.

Room for general discussion

Doctoral student Niousha Nademi: Market definition in the digital economy

Discussant: Assistant Professor Katri Havu

Doctoral student Tone Knapstad: PhD thesis “Market power of digital platforms: Analysing the role of Article 102 TFEU”

Discussant: Professor Björn Lundqvist

Doctoral student David Fåhraeus: AG Kokott’s Opinion in Google Shopping and the death of the AEC principle

Discussant: Associate professor Ingrid M. H. Barlund

Dr. Max Hjærtström: Approved PhD thesis “Competition Law’s Market Failure Paradox”

Discussant: Professor Petri Kuoppamäki

15.15-15.30

Coffee

15.30-17.00

Afternoon panel

Presentation by the Ph.D. students and comments by a discussant, who has received a paper/presentation in advance.

Room for general discussion

Doctoral student Joséphine Thorson: “Killer acquisitions of the startups

Discussant: Professor Petri Kuoppamäki

Doctoral student Amanda Eklund: Public Procurement and the use of algorithms – possibilities, restrictions and risks

Discussant: Professor Lars Henriksson

Doctoral student Pernilla Norman: Public procurement – advances in the PhD research

Discussant: Associate Professor Ingrid M. H. Barlund

Doctoral student: Johan Hedelin: The notion of ”control” in EU market law”

Discussant: Professor Björn Lundqvist

19.00

Conference Dinner, Restaurant Carelia

Mannerheimintie 56, 00260 Helsinki

Day 2 – Tuesday 16. April 2024 – Conference and meeting in the Nordic Academic Network for Competition Law

Venue: Aalto University, Business School, Ekonominaukio 1, 02150 Espoo

9.00-10.45 **First morning panel - Developments in Nordic Competition Law since last network meeting – national reports, followed by general discussion**

Chair - Lars Henriksson

Sweden – Professor Lars Henriksson, Stockholm School of Business

Norway –Associate Professor Ingrid M. H. Barlund, University of Bergen

Finland – Professor Petri Kuoppamäki, Aalto University, School of Business

Island – Heimir Örn Herbertsson

15. min for each report followed by general discussion

10.45-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-12.30 **Second morning panel – research results since last meeting - presentations by senior researchers, and room for general discussion**

App. 20 min for each presentation followed by app. 15 min of discussion

Associate professor Ingrid M. H. Barlund: Cartel enforcement within the Nordic Countries

Professor Lars Henriksson: Towercast and its implications

12.30-13.30 **Buffet Lunch**

13.30-15.00 **Afternoon panel – research results since last meeting - presentations by senior researchers, and room for general discussion**

Professor Petri Kuoppamäki, Who guards the gatekeeper?

Docent Beata Mäihäniemi: The role of competition law in promoting green transition in platform economy

App. 20 min for each presentation followed by app. 15 min of discussion

15.00-15.30

Coffee

15.30-16.00 Meeting in the Nordic Network – conclusions and next meeting

Closing of the conference and network meeting