

Call for papers

Ius Commune workshop on Regulating Big Tech: digitalisation and the response of law

Maastricht, Friday 26 November 2021

Stream 1: Competition law responses to Big Tech

Stream 2: Regulatory responses to Big Tech from the Internal Market and other domains

The workshop on 'regulating Big Tech', organised at the occasion of the Ius Commune conference 2021, provides an exchange of state-of-the-art research, covering issues relating to (or at the cross-roads of) law and regulation, economics, behavioural science, and even ethics.

The impact of digital technologies on our economic and social structures is hard to over-state. An unprecedented amount of data is collected, while the digital platforms and ecosystems have become indispensable for citizens and market-participants. Increasingly, we also see significant influence exercised through these technologies on our political processes. These developments present regulatory challenges: is the current legal framework suitable to regulate these digital technologies and the behaviour of tech-companies, or should something be changed? These are broad questions, and therefore we envisage to discuss them in two consecutive streams.

Stream 1 discusses the way in which competition law can and should respond to Big Tech and the continuing digitalisation and platformisation of our society.

Stream 2 takes a broader look, and invites contributions about the regulatory responses to these developments from the perspective of the EU Internal Market and other domains of law.

Researchers working on issues related to 'regulating Big Tech' are cordially invited to submit an abstract for one of the streams of this workshop, which take place in the morning and the afternoon of 26 November 2021 in Maastricht. We welcome paper proposals, including from non-legal disciplines and early-stage research, as long as the focus is of interest to researchers engaged with the regulation of Big Tech.

Interested researchers should submit an abstract (max. 400 words) to Muriel Motaleb (m.n.motaleb@uu.nl). **Deadline for abstracts: Wednesday 15 September 2021.** Anyone interested in acting as a referee is also invited to contact us, indicating their area of expertise.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.