

ELEA Symposium

The Symposium, taking place at the end of each academic year, is a ELEA option's tradition.

It aims to hold a substantial debate on one of currently discussed topics within the competition law and policy field.



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Speakers :

Panel 1: MFN – *between a legalistic approach and an economic appreciation*

The treatment of MFN clauses has opened a new debate on vertical agreements. More than an alternative way of imposing hard-core restrictions, facilitate collusion or raise barriers to entry, they can also help address some of the crucial issues in the digital economy such as "free riding" and "hold-up" problems.

Panel 2: **Geo-Blocking and restrictions in online cross-border market: *is competition law the right tool?***

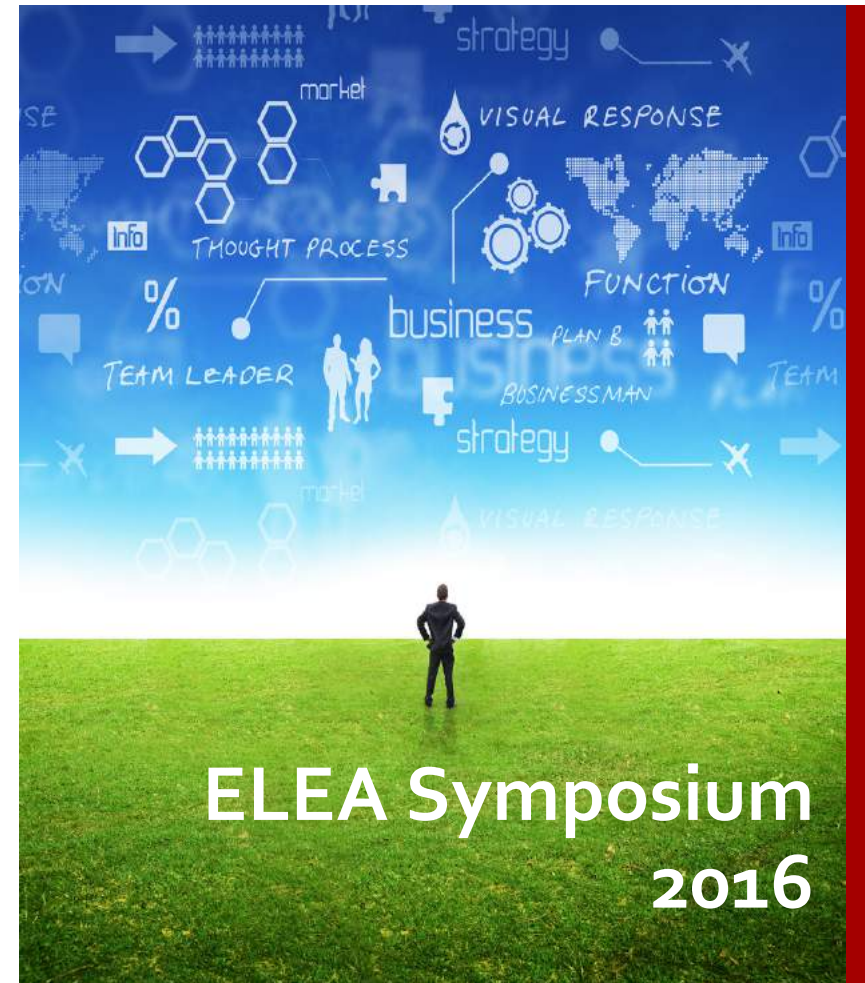
Following the unveiling of the Digital market Strategy, geo-blocking has been brought to the fore with a recent sectoral inquiry aiming at identifying the potential anti-competitive effects of such practices. Further, whether competition is the best tool to tackle this issue is another matter of debate as policy-making, with a recent proposal of Regulation by the Commission on 26th May, may be a more suited instrument.

Panel 3: **Big Data: A competition law issue?**

Big Data is a revolutionary topic in competition law. Online platforms are now collecting massive amount of data raising anti-competitive concerns and beyond. As a source of only potential competitive harm, is it after all a competition concern and is it up to the Commission to decide?

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- The College of Europe, and particularly its ELEA teaching team, for their assistance in organizing the 2016 Symposium.
- The speakers for providing their invaluable knowledge.



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DIGITAL MARKETS

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Organisation

College of Europe – European Legal Studies

EU Law is a multifaceted, rapidly developing and fascinating area of the law. To ensure its students' excellence, the College's Law Department established a balance between the economic and constitutional aspects of European Law.

College of Europe – European Economic Studies

The Economics Department teaches an incisive analysis of the important economic and business issues of Europe to ensure the development of its students' practical, debating and empirical statistical skills.

In cooperation with:

Professor P. Nicolaidis

Professor M. Walker

Professor D. Gerard

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Professor P. Larouche

Organised by the College's ELEA option

The ELEA option highlights the interaction and interdependence between the European Economic Studies and European Legal Studies departments in the areas of competition and market regulation. It is composed of students from both fields who aim to cooperate to analyse law and policy-making in the EU.

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Programme

9 :30

Opening Speech

Professor Inge Govaere, Professor Phedon Nicolaides

9 :45 – 11 :00

Panel 1 : MFN – *between a legalistic approach and an economic appreciation*

Chair: Professor Damien Gerard

Speaker: Mr. Thomas Graf – Partner at Cleary Gottlieb

11 :00 – 11 :15

Coffee Break

11 :15 – 12 :30

Panel 3 : Big Data : *A competition law issue?*

Chair: Professor Pierre Larouche

Speaker: Mr. Cyril Ritter – EU Commission DG Competition

12 :30 – 13 :30

Lunch Break

13 :30 – 15 :15

Panel 2 : Geo-Blocking and restrictions in online cross-border market : *is competition law the right tool ?*

Chair: Professor Mike Walker

Speakers : Mr. Thomas Kramler – EU Commission DG Competition & Professor Pablo Ibáñez Colomo

Digital Single Market

The Digital Single Market strategy aims to open up digital opportunities for people and business and enhance Europe's position as a world leader in the digital economy

