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#### Vienna Competition Law Days 2023

On 11 and 12 September 2023, The Competition Law Hub was pleased to host the second edition of the Vienna Competition Law Days at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Bringing together leading academics, competition enforcers and practitioners, the workshop aimed to foster discussions on current issues in competition law and economics. In addition to a book launch, four panels discussed democracy and competition law, computational antitrust, digital mergers and the Digital Markets Act. You can find the programme <u>here</u>.



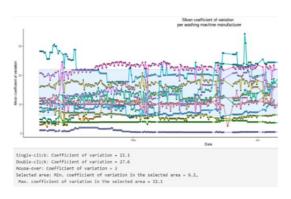


## **Coherence between Data Protection and Competition**

In digital markets, data protection and competition law affect each other in diverse and intricate ways. entanglement has triggered a global debate on how these two areas of law should interact to effectively address new harms and ensure that the digital economy flourishes. In her new book 'Coherence between Data Protection and Competition Law in Digital Markets' (OUP 2023), Klaudia Majcher offers a blueprint for bridging the disconnect between data protection and competition law in digital markets. The book can be obtained here.

### <u>Sustainability Talk at NYU</u> <u>Workshop</u>

On 31 October 2023, <u>Vicky Robertson</u> spoke at New York University's *Jean Monnet Center Public Law Workshop Series*. She talked about her ongoing research in antitrust law in a digital and green economy, focusing on the European experience including the Digital Markets Act and the sustainability chapter contained in the Horizontal Co-operation Guidelines 2023.



# **Award of the Austrian Academy of Sciences**

On 8 November 2023, <u>Fabian Ziermann</u> was awarded a prestigious DOC fellowship from the Austrian Academy of Sciences for his PhD project on eSports. The PhD project is supervised by <u>Vicky Robertson</u> and Andrew Murray (LSE). Many congratulations, Fabian!





# Computational Antitrust Tools to Detec RPM

In their proof-of-concept study carried out within the realm of the <a href="DataComp">DataComp</a> project, Jan Amthauer, Jürgen Fleiß, <a href="Franziska Guggi">Franziska Guggi</a> and <a href="Vicky Robertson">Vicky Robertson</a> focus on using data-driven tools to detect resale price maintenance in the Austrian washing machine market. The paper was just published in the <a href="Computer Law & Security Review">Computer Law & Security Review</a> and is available in open access here.



#### **DMA and Complementarity**

On 4 October 2023, <u>Vicky Robertson</u> discussed the complementarity of antitrust rules and the Digital Markets Act at a conference organized by the Slovak Competition Authority.

#### State Aid and Covid 19

Petar Petrov's article on state aid and COVID-19 in the air transport sector (in German) was published in the Zeitschrift für Beihilferecht (BRZ). The article focuses on the impact of COVID-19 on air carriers and on the latest developments in the field of state aid in this sector. It can be accessed here.



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### **Abuse of Dominance in the** Funeral Industry

Franziska Guggi's analysis on abuse of dominance in the funeral industry against the background of the essential facilities doctrine was just published. In 2022, Franziska was awarded the Linda-Rauter-Prize by the Faculty of Law of the University of Graz for this work, which is based on her Master thesis. The prize goes to the most outstanding theses in the areas of comparative law, European law, and international law. The contribution is available here.

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#### **Algorithmic Pricing and Competition Law**

In the age of big data, sellers can amass a considerable amount of up-to-date information about their customers that algorithms can then use in order to engage in personalised pricing practices at a large scale. Vicky Robertson's contribution assesses algorithmic pricing from a competition law perspective and can be read in open access here.





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