



**Ius Commune Conference Maastricht,
11-12 May 2023**

**Call for Papers
Workshop on New Frontiers
of Internal Market Law**



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Stream 1: New frontiers in EU competition law (Thursday 11 May, 14.00-18.00)

Stream 2: New frontiers in EU internal market law (Friday 12 May, 09.00-12.00)

Stream 3: The impact of the digital transition on competition and internal market law (Friday 12 May, 14.00-16.00)

The workshop series on New Frontiers in Internal Market Law, organised at the occasion of the Ius Commune conference 2023, 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 ethics.

Stream 1 on “New Frontiers in EU competition law” welcomes papers on a broad range of topics relating to the new challenges that face EU competition law, including (but not limited to) the capacity of the EU competition rules to adequately respond to the effects of the ‘twin’ green and digital transitions, geopolitical developments, and growing dissatisfaction with inequality. Contributions that explore lessons learned from specific sectors (such as healthcare, agri-food, energy, media and telecommunications) are also highly welcome. Contributions can cover substantive themes, or focus on institutional or procedural aspects, and may also cover the relationship with other regulatory fields.

Stream 2 reflects on the new frontiers that are crossed, or ought to be crossed, in EU internal market law. We welcome a broad range of papers to discuss recent developments in this field, but we especially welcome speakers who reflect on the legal notion of the EU internal market and how the EU internal market rules may be supportive of and/or resilient to societal changes, such as platformisation and digitalisation, the energy transition, the transition towards more sustainable food systems, LGBTQI+ rights, fundamental rights more generally, and the rule of law and democracy, and the rise of poverty and inequality. Topics relating to the EU internal market, strategic autonomy and geopolitics can also be considered

Stream 3 more specifically examines the effects of the digital transition on competition and internal market law. Of particular interests is the matter of the rise of ‘Big Tech’ corporations to undeniable positions of power in our societies. Their power is complex and composite, transcends the market/economic domain, and branches out into the political, social and personal domain. It manifests as instrumental, structural, and discursive power in our highly platformised society. How to deal with this power, how to organize counter-power? Stream 3 therefore invites contributions from various legal fields since Big Tech’s multifaceted power probably requires a multi-faceted legal approach, not just from a competition law or data protection perspective, but also, for instance, from consumer protection law or the regulation of public services within the internal market.

Researchers working on issues related to these topics are cordially invited to submit an abstract for one of the streams of this workshop, which take place on 11-12 May 2023 in

Maastricht. We welcome paper proposals, including early-stage research, as long as the focus is of interest to researchers engaged with the themes of either streams.

Interested researchers should submit an abstract (max. 400 words) to i.v.d.vanicoladiascosta@uu.nl by **31 March 2023**. Anyone interested in acting as a discussant is also invited to contact us, indicating their area of expertise. Moreover, once your abstract is accepted, we may also ask you to act as discussant for other speakers, contributing to the 'Tus Commune' spirit of the conference.

In order to foster in-depth discussions of the presentations, once you are accepted and invited to speak during our workshops, you are requested to submit a longer abstract or draft paper of a minimum of 5 pages that will be circulated among the attendees of the workshops two weeks before the conference. Also, you would be expected to participate in all three streams-workshops, to stimulate active participation and to foster networking and community building.

The workshop is coordinated by KU Leuven researcher Wouter Devroe (wouter.devroe@kuleuven.be) and UU researchers Anna Gerbrandy (a.gerbrandy@uu.nl), Sybe de Vries (s.a.devries@uu.nl) and Pauline Phoa (p.s.phoa@uu.nl).

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