Competition Policy Issues in Telecommunications Industry and Broader Digital Economies

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ABSTRACT

The first part of this seminar will look into the details of competition regulation in one of the network industries – telecommunications sector. The main concepts behind the regulatory options for introducing and managing competition in this sector: ex-ante vs ex-post competition law, network vs services-based competition, key principles of economic regulation and other regulatory concepts will be reviewed. The seminar will assess how the digital transformation, market disruption and the blurring borders between the industries and sectors are influencing such telecommunications regulation.

The second part of the seminar will dig into the practicalities of telecommunications regulatory policies in the APAC region and around the world: how the politics influences the implementation of some of the regulatory requirements, how certain regulatory policies clash with alternative Governments’ objectives and what obstacles the global companies face when providing cross-border services when it comes to regulatory and competition law compliance.

Finally, the seminar will move into the digital economies and talk about data and global platforms/cloud based industries and how they are impacting the competition law developments. We will assess whether current domestic and global institutions, rules and regulatory frameworks are designed to deal with the global data-driven economy’s effects on the new emerging challenges and what the role of the future-proof industry regulators should be.

The speaker will be sharing her own personal opinions and experiences and will not represent/speak on behalf of Amazon Web Services.

SPEAKER

Agne Makauskaite is a regulatory lawyer and a public policy expert, having worked in communications regulatory policy field in various regions globally for more than 16 years. Currently she is the APAC Public Policy Lead for Regulated Industries for Amazon Web Services. She focuses on cloud computing policy, including data sovereignty, cybersecurity, data privacy and related policy issues for telecommunications, financial services, healthcare and other regulated industries. Before joining AWS in 2019, Agne worked as the APAC Senior Regulatory Manager for Vodafone Business. Prior to that, she was a Director of Regulatory Legal Affairs for the largest telecoms carrier in the UAE, Middle East: Etisalat. She has a LLM in Competition Law from King’s College London and Master’s in Law degree from Vilnius University in Lithuania. She started her career working for the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority in Lithuania, after which she continued practicing telecoms regulatory law and policy in Europe, Middle East and APAC regions.

Programme

2:30 pm Registration
3:00 pm Seminar Part I
4:00 pm Tea-Break
4:15 pm Seminar Part II
5:30 pm Q&A
5:45 pm End of Seminar

Registration Fees

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