

Syllabus

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of European Union law with a particular emphasis on competition law. It will cover the history, institutions and fundamental freedoms (e.g., free movement of persons and goods) as well as competition and merger control law. It will review the underlying treaty law as well as the case law and the secondary legislation of the EU. The topics to be discussed are:

1. Introduction
2. History
3. Institutions
4. Freedoms
5. Policies and Issues
6. Anti-competitive Arrangements
7. Abuse of Dominance
8. Merger Control
9. State Aid
10. Conclusions

Reading List

Given the volume of material which has been produced over the last 50 years about the European Union, it would be possible to produce an almost endless reading list. Instead, this list hopes to be a more manageable and practical one. The list comprises the topics which are going to be addressed during the course. The items marked with an asterisk (“*”) are prescribed reading and all other items are optional.

1. Introduction

In terms of the introduction, which will be relatively short, it would be useful for students to review www.europa.eu which is the EU’s website and get a general familiarity with the EU, its institutions, policies and so on.

It would then be useful to review generally, the Treaty establishing the European Community (“EC”) (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/dat/12002E/htm/C_2002325EN.003301.html) so as to obtain a general familiarity with the Treaty and the EC.

One should then review, again with a view to obtaining a general familiarity with the topic, the Treaty on European Union: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/dat/11992M/htm/11992M.html#0001000001>.

At each stage of the course, preferably before the next class, students should review the relevant provisions in the EC Treaty as they relate to the forthcoming topic.

2. History of the European Union

* Foster, *Foster on EU Law* (OUP, 2006), chap 1 (pages 1-51)
Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 1 (pages 3-19)

3. Institutions

*Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 2 (pages 20-40)
Foster, *Foster on EU Law* (OUP, 2006), chap 2 (pages 51-81)
Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 3 (pages 34-56)

4. EU Laws

Introduction

Foster, *Foster on EU Law* (OUP, 2006), chap 3 (pages 81-122)
Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 3 (pages 41-68)
*Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 4 (pages 57-76)

Supremacy of EU Law

Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 4 (pages 69-88)
Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 8 (pages 137-154)

General Principles of EU Law

Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 5 (pages 115-144)

Legislative Process

Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 5 (pages 77-89)

5. Freedoms

Free Movement of Goods

Foster, *Foster on EU Law* (OUP, 2006), chap 7 (pages 255-297)
Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 13 (pages 299-346)
*Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 18 (pages 369-395)

Freedom of Establishment

*Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 12 (pages 265-298)

Free Movement of Persons/Workers

Foster, *Foster on EU Law* (OUP, 2006), chap 9 (pages 336-395)
Storey & Turner, *Unlocking EU Law* (Hodder Arnold, 2005), chap 11 (pages 196-264)

Free Movement of Payments and Capital

Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 16 (pages 115-144)

6. Policies and Issues

Economic and Monetary Union

*Chalmers, Hadjiemmanuil, Monti and Tomkins, *European Union Law* (2006, CUP), chap 12 (pages 506-560)

7. Article 81

For an understanding of the background to competition law, it would be useful to read Slot and Johnston, *An Introduction to Competition Law* (Hart, 2006), chaps. 1 & 2 (pages 1-50).

* Slot and Johnston, *An Introduction to Competition Law* (Hart, 2006), chap 3 (pages 51-102)

8. Article 82

Slot and Johnston, *An Introduction to Competition Law* (Hart, 2006), chap 4 (pages 103-140)

* Willis (ed.), *Introduction to EU Competition Law* (Informa, 2005) Chap 5 (pages 121-164)

9. Merger Control

Slot and Johnston, *An Introduction to Competition Law* (Hart, 2006), chap 5 (pages 141-206)

* Van den Bergh and Camesaca, *European Competition Law and Economics: A Comparative Perspective* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2006, chap 9 (pages 348-401))

10. State Aid

*EC Treaty, Arts.87-89 and the EC's vademecum on State aid:
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/state_aid/studies_reports/vademecum_on_rules_2007_en.pdf

Steiner, Wood & Twigg-Flesher, *EU Law* (9th ed., 2006, OUP), chap 30 (pages 645-664)
Slot and Johnston, *An Introduction to Competition Law* (Hart, 2006), chap 7 (pages 255-290)

11. Conclusions

van Gerven, *The European Union* (Hart, 2005), chap 1 (pp7-61)

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