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Alternative Recommendation Algorithms as an Antitrust Remedy in Digital (Democracy) Cases

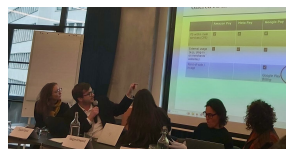
Jana Lasser¹ & Viktoria H.S.E. Robertson²

[Recommendation Algorithms as Antitrust Remedy](#)

In a new working paper, Jana Lasser (IDEa_lab, University of Graz) and [Vicky Robertson](#) discuss how alternative recommendation algorithms could be implemented as a remedy in antitrust and merger cases in the digital economy. Their working paper is available [here](#).

[Enforcement of the DMA](#)

On 21 and 22 November 2024, [David Führer](#) presented a working paper on how the DMA deals with payment systems at a symposium on "DMA Enforcement: Trends and gaps in the first year of application" in Brussels.



[COVID-19 and State Aid in Aviation](#)

[Petar Petrov](#)'s article on the annulment by the General Court of the German support scheme granted to Deutsche Lufthansa in the context of the COVID-19 crisis was recently published in Zeitschrift für Beihilfenrecht. Petar's contribution (in German) can be retrieved [here](#).

[Tech Plutocracy and Competition Law](#)

Against the background of Big Tech's growing influence with the US President, [Vicky Robertson](#) contributed to a [symposium](#) on the Verfassungsblog. She explores what contribution competition law could make in keeping unseemingly market power in check. You can access the contribution [here](#).



[Antitrust Writing Awards 2025](#)

The nominations are out – and [Fabian Ziermann](#)'s article on 'Dark patterns: Can criminal law remedy the shortcomings of antitrust law?' was nominated for an Antitrust Writing Award by Concurrences! To vote, go [here](#).

The Belgian Competition Authority's brochure 'The Digital Markets Act – A Short Guide for Tech Challengers' was also nominated, a project to which [Vicky Robertson](#) contributed. To vote, go [here](#).

[Workshop on Market Definition](#)

On 20 November 2024, we hosted a one-day workshop at WU Vienna, together with CREATE (University of Glasgow), to prepare a special issue in the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement on market definition. Magali Eben and [Vicky Robertson](#) will be the special issue's guest editors.



Die Überprüfung nationaler Entscheidungen durch die Rechtsprechung in Deutschland und Österreich

Wie überprüft Gerichte nationale Entscheidungen... durch die Rechtsprechung in Deutschland und Österreich

Judicial Review in Competition Law

compared notes on their main findings from the Mapping Judicial Review, now published in the January 2025 edition of Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb. The article is available in open access here.

Competition & Democracy at the OECD

On 6 December 2024, Vicky Robertson was invited to join the OECD Competition Committee Roundtable in Paris to discuss the Interaction between Competition and Democracy. Her note can be found here.



Dark Patterns: Antitrust or Criminal Law?

In a recent article, Fabian Ziermann argues that antitrust law may not be sufficient to curb dark patterns in Big Tech and video games, and examines how Austrian criminal law can address these. The open access article is available here.

ICN Merger Workshop 2024

From 13 to 15 November 2024, the Merger Workshop of the International Competition Network took place in Taipei. Vicky Robertson joined as Non-Governmental Advisor (NGA) for the European Commission and contributed to the discussion on theories of harm for digital mergers.



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