

EDITORIAL BOARD'S MESSAGE

In line with the GAR's commitment to provide a forum for academic debate on matters of international competition law and policy, the 2014 volume consists of contributions discussing a diverse selection of prominent and controversial topics.

The exponential growth of information technology in the past decade lies behind the issues discussed in two articles selected for this volume. The competition implications of the 'smartphone wars' are the subject of an excellent contribution which advocates for a move towards antitrust paternalism as a solution to the problem. From a different perspective, an article on the remedies imposed by the European Commission in the *Microsoft I* and *II* cases criticises their adequacy and stresses the importance of remedy designing as part of developing a coherent competition policy for information technology markets.

On a rather procedural note, the 7th volume also deals with questions of competition enforcement. The UK cartel offence is the subject of a very instructive article which identifies the lack of public and political support as its real shortcoming. Furthermore, in view of the recent adoption of the Damages Actions Directive, striking a proper balance between protecting leniency corporate statements and ensuring the effectiveness of private competition enforcement is the difficult question analysed in another informative article included in this volume.

In addition to this variety of topics, the role of State aid in the banking sector is also considered in a contribution that examines the use of State aid bailouts as a way of keeping 'too big to fail' financial institutions afloat either independently or in conjunction with the Single Resolution Mechanism. Finally, this year's selection of articles includes an interesting contribution on the potential implications of the *Pierre Fabre* judgment for the competition analysis of selective distribution systems.

This volume is complemented by two enlightening essays, one on Frederick Hayek's contribution to antitrust law and one on the antitrust supervision of the regulatory activities of public bodies. Finally, this issue concludes with an interesting comment discussing the possible consequences of a recent Indian case on the assessment of hospital exclusivity contracts under Indian competition law.

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endless support in our efforts. Moreover, we would like to acknowledge Dr Maria Ioannidou's valuable assistance in preparing this year's issue.

We hope you will enjoy this volume, and we already look forward to receiving excellent contributions from all interested young scholars for the next one.

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