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In line with the GAR's commitment to provide a forum for academic debate on matters of international competition law and policy, the 2017 volume consists of contributions discussing a diverse selection of prominent and controversial topics.

The articles in this volume cover several of the current 'big issues' in competition law. The first two articles scrutinize different areas of enforcement – private enforcement and enforcement-issues related to the threshold in EU merger control. The first article places particular emphasis on private and public enforcement in context of the Directive on Private Enforcement and analyses potential shortcomings and uncertainties of the Directive. The article on enforcement in EU merger control focusses on mergers in context of the digital economy. It examines the desirability of applying merger rules to this sector and investigates potential enforcement gaps arising from applying the current rules to specific types of concentrations.

The following article also deals with competition law in a digital environment and context. It deals with online marketplace bans and analyses and evaluates the debate surrounding their legal treatment in the light of the results of the European Commission's E-Commerce Sector Inquiry. Further, it comments on the Advocate General's opinion in Coty.

The last article concludes with the ever-relevant topic of airline mergers, the topic enjoying renewed popularity because of the acquisitions of parts of Air Berlin after its insolvency. The article offers a discussion of past mergers in the sector and then offers thoughts on sector-specific remedies and ways to improve the factors and processes relevant to the assessment of airline mergers.

This volume is complemented by an insightful essay questioning the role of export cartels and their treatment in the wider context of global welfare. It also considers ways to better address the frictions caused by export cartels. The 2017 volume of the GAR concludes with a book review of the 3rd edition of Kelyn Bacon's well-known publication on State Aid.

As always, we would like to especially thank Prof. Eyad Maher Dabbah, the director of the ICC, for his guidance and endless support in our efforts.

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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