## SCHOOL OF LAW 2022-2023: LLM MODULE SYLLABUS

Teaching in A22 and B22 is in two 5 week blocks with study week between them.

30 credits are taught within a single semester (10 weeks) 15 credits: Semester

A22– Blocks A **or** B (5 weeks) / Semester B22 - Blocks C **or** D (5 weeks)
Study Week falls within the two  blocks (limited teaching/events/tutorials etc.)


Semester C22 – 5 week block only (15 credits only)

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| **Module Code:** | SOLM297 |
| **Module Title:** | Competition Law in the Digital Era |
| **Number of Credits** | 15 |
| **Semester and Block Taught:** | *Semester:* 2        *Block:* D |
| **Module Convenor:** | Eyad Dabbah<br><br>*m.dabbah@qmul.ac.uk*<br><br>*Room 315, Laws, Mile End Campus*<br><br>*Mondays, 10:00-12:00* |
| **Assessment:** | 4000 word essay |
| **Assessment period:** | See Module Description Book |
| **Time and/or venue of taught classes:** | See teaching timetable |
| **Additional Module Information:** | |

| **Teaching Team and Contact Details** | |
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## Module Overview

We live in a world of unprecedented technological change. The way we live our lives today, with the most essential services being only a click away, has radically transformed our existence as consumers. On the face of it, markets are performing well, as the prices for services have radically decreased – or are even provided for "free", that is, without monetary payment – through the use of online platforms. We can shop for less money, compare products in real time, search virtually any question, hail a cab on our mobile phone, order any kind of food in an instant – the list is seemingly endless. As such, these technological advancements have transformed consumers' choice, yet they have simultaneously created new causes of concern about competition in the marketplace and the role of consumers within it.

This module will critically examine how big data, algorithms and AI are transforming market dynamics, challenging the foundations of competition law enforcement and raising new challenges for competition authorities, regulators, businesses and consumers.

## Module Weekly Syllabus

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| **Week 1:** | **Introduction: competition law and policy – the challenges in the fourth industrial revolution**<br><br>**Economics of two-sided markets: challenges and problems**<br><br>**The Role of Data and Algorithms** |
| **Week 2:** | **Hub and spoke agreements and algorithmic collusion** |
| **Week 3:** | **Market power and Abuse**<br><br>**Exclusionary and exploitative abuses**<br><br>**Mapping enforcement actions against GAFA** |
| **Week 4:** | **The Challenges with Data-Driven Mergers** |
| **Week 5:** | **Remedies and regulatory responses**<br><br>**The DMA and beyond** |

## Reading List

Prior to each seminar detailed guidance will be provided with essential and recommended reading (including relevant case law).