

Dear Alumni of the Master of Business, Competition and Regulatory Law programme at the Freie Universität Berlin,

We hope this message finds you well. The very first MBL-FU group has graduated already four years ago. It's time to catch up! Since staying in touch with each and every former student individually is difficult, we would like to keep you updated with our newly created semi-annual newsletter. Whether you are one of the first students or a fresh graduate from last Wednesday, this is your place for connecting with other Alumni and to keep up with recent developments of the programme.



### ***Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2014***

Last Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 25 new MBL-FU graduates joined the pool of alumni. For those that could join us, we held a [ceremony here at the Clubaus der FU in Berlin](#). Following speeches by the academic director, Prof Dr Heike Schweitzer, the Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty, Dr Andres Fijal, our highly esteemed lecturer Dr Stockmann and Ms Alikistis-Vasiliki Makrynori - one of the proud graduates of the class of 2013/14 - the graduates received their diplomas one by one with the ritual words: “*and now you are a Master*”. The end of the formal ceremony marked the start of the informal part of the evening with live music by Prof Dr Schwab and a champagne reception for the honorees, their families and friends and current MBL-FU students.

### ***Changes in the MBL program***

Our new graduates already had the pleasure to study under our new academic director, Prof. Dr. Heike Schweitzer, LL.M. (Yale), who took over headship of the programme in March of last year. The new headship entailed some important changes regarding the [lecturers of the programme](#): Prof David Bailey, LL.M. (Harvard) from King's College, London now teaches European Competition Law and Art 101 TFEU, Prof Giorgio Monti from the European University Institute in Florence

now teaches EU and US Antitrust law, Dr Angelos Dimopolous, MLE (Hanover) LL.M. (Cantab) from Queen Mary University, London, whose lecture focusses on EU external relations and investment treaties and Prof Daniel Crane, University of Michigan, who teaches Competition Law Enforcement, Remedies and Procedure. These are only some of the changes. We believe that our program has a truly excellent group of teachers now – academics as well as practitioners - which will make the program even more competitive internationally.

### ***Ranking of our program***

The international reputation of our program is consequently growing. We are delighted to be ranked 4<sup>th</sup> best among the top business law programmes in the world by [America Economica!](#)

### ***MBL Staff***

Also, we had to say goodbye to Elvira who left the MBL to work in the sector of energy law. In her place, two new research assistants have joined our team since September 2014: Fernando Cordero Martínez from Spain, a graduate of the MBL programme, and Dominik Arncken from Germany. We warmly welcome you two to our programme.

### ***MBL class of 2015***

Last week's graduation ceremony also provided the opportunity for a meeting between our current students and the newly-graduated Alumni. The current student body consists of international students from 22 different countries and 4 continents and will also be the first cohort to participate in a study trip to the European Commission in Brussels to gain first-hand practical knowledge on how European competition law works in April 2015.

### ***Possibilities for Internships***

We are constantly trying to improve the attractiveness of our program by offering new opportunities. This offer may be of interest to some of you: As a partner of this programme, the Deutsche Bahn, Germany's state-owned railway provider and one of Germany's biggest employer, has signalled interest to receive applications from graduates of the programme who wish to remain in Germany for internships. If you want to know more about this opportunity feel free to contact us!

### ***Applications for 2015/16 – help us spread the word!***

One last thing now, where we need your help: The preparations for the Academic Year 2015/16 are running at full speed. The deadline for applications is open until the **31<sup>st</sup> of May**. We are looking for good students with a special interest in European and international economic law, competition law and regulatory law again. Intellectual property law will also figure prominently in our program.

**We would be delighted if you could help spread the word!** We would be more than happy to send you some posters if you know a good place to display information about the MBL (workplace/university/etc.).

Kind regards,

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