

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

thank you for your responses to our last newsletter in February and to your help spreading the word about our programme, your assistance was greatly appreciated! Again, we have news for you about the upcoming academic year.

New Students

Over the last few months we have been going through the applications for next year and we are happy to have, yet again, been chosen by many promising applicants. As always, the class of 2015/2016 will consist of students from all corners of the globe: from the North (Canada) to the South (Chile), from the West (USA) to the East (Japan); From Western (Germany) and Eastern Europe (Bulgaria) to Africa (Egypt), Asia (Taiwan, Indonesia, Mongolia) the Indian sub-continent and North (Mexico) and South America (Brazil) we always had a fascinating mix of students and we are delighted to be working with each and every one of them next year to achieve the best learning experience.

New curriculum

The new curriculum for winter 2015/2016 is available online (http://www.jura.fu-berlin.de/studium/masterstudiengaenge/mbl-fu/news/curriculum_winter-term_15-16_pdf.pdf) and we are especially looking forward to two new optional lectures on international arbitration and EU contract law but also to a new lecture on competition law and competition law authorities in developing countries by Dr. Michael Albers, a former European Commission Hearing Officer in competition law and now independent consultant advising competition authorities in Europe and Asia.

Graduation Pictures online

In the last newsletter we already introduced you to last year's graduates and on our website you can now find more pictures from the graduation:

http://www.jura.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/masterstudiengaenge/mbl-fu/alumni/graduation_2013-14/index.html

We cannot wait for this year's graduation ceremony!

Master Theses

Before their graduation, our current students will submit their Master Theses in September and we are already excited to have a couple of highly interesting topics. For many of these, new technology will be the centre of attention such as "Cloud Computing and Data Privacy" or "The FCC's Open Internet Order". Other topics focus on new developments in classical fields of law such as "Collective Redress in Private Enforcement of Competition Law" or "Creative Tax Evasion and Fiscal State Aid", as well as other also very promising interdisciplinary research topics, such as "A Human Rights Perspective on IP".

Social Media

In our effort to connect to prospective students even before their arrival in Berlin and to stay in touch with our Alumni, we have expanded our social media channels over the last year. Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/mbl.fu.berlin) to stay up to date with the world of competition, business and regulatory law and recent updates from the MBL or connect with us on LinkedIn (<https://de.linkedin.com/pub/mbl-fu/a8/5a1/92a>) to join our Alumni group!

Two of our current students have recently written articles for the online magazine The European: <http://www.theeuropean-magazine.com/jessica-bracker/10212-two-views-of-european-integration>; <http://www.theeuropean-magazine.com/jocelyn-lequesne/10259-what-the-ttip-debate-reveals-about-the-eu>; showing us all that issues discussed in class can reach beyond the parameters of academic debate.

MBL Staff

For next year, we will have to say goodbye to two research assistants from the MBL team. Dr. Natalia Hohaus is leaving after her parental leave has ended and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours. We also have to say goodbye to Sara Hoffman, whom we wish all the best in Brussels and are looking forward to welcome her as a lecturer in our Law and Economics module next year! On the bright side, we are very pleased to announce that the highly skilful Ms Maxi Haase will be supporting the team.

Spread the word!

After last year's success with our Alumni network, we would ask you again to contact us if you believe you could spread the word for the MBL wherever you are at the moment. Send us an e-mail to alumni@mbl-fu.de and we'll send you leaflets around January to display at your university, workplace or wherever you are. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

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