

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

A warm welcome to our new alumni and welcome back to all of you!

We are proud to announce that another class of MBL students graduated and joined the club of the MBL alumni.



Located again at the Clubhaus of the Freie Universität, this year's graduates were welcomed by Dr. Fijal, Dr. Kurt Stockmann and Prof. Dr. Heike Schweitzer. On behalf of the students, Sarah Magill spoke of the adventurous past year and the community that formed among the graduates. We are delighted that so many graduates could attend with their families and we never miss an opportunity to take plenty of [pictures](#) during the ceremony and thereafter, where Maayan Kashi's four-week old son immediately became the star of the evening.

New Students

Some of our current students from the class of 2015/16 were also present at the graduation ceremony. Again, we are delighted about the diversity of our class and the original input our students bring to the lectures from their five home continents and 24 home countries. We also would like to introduce you to two of this year's students: Aly Elberry from Egypt and Jelena Mičetić from Croatia.

After my graduation from Alexandria University in 2003, I worked for 8 years as a Public Prosecutor and for 2 years as a Judge. While browsing world top-ranking universities and cities, Berlin and FU stood out as enticing choices with their world-renowned diversity and high quality programs. Especially the MBL Program with exceptionally well-versed specialist lecturers for every module, promised a rewarding transnational experience. In today's globalised economy-based world, I see this branch of law as the field of the present and future generations with increasing demand for more academics and specialists. (Aly Elberry)

After graduating from law faculty in Rijeka (Croatia), I worked in the field of

intellectual property law. That experience influenced my choice of master programme, as I wanted to complement my knowledge on IP with competition and energy law. Besides having a network of colleagues from all over the world, I am convinced that the MBL programme will provide me with a good understanding of the covered areas and enable me to deal with exciting legal issues in the future. (Jelena Mičetić)

The next round of applications started on January 20th. If you could lend a hand in distributing flyers to a university close to you, please let us know! We also attached the electronic leaflet.

Study Trip to Brussels

We are delighted to announce that this year, 25 of our students will be participating in the study trip to Brussels from 4th April to 6th April. They will be visiting the European Commission and meeting estimated lecturer Dr. Koch for a lecture on European Energy Law and Policy before returning to Berlin for the start of the second term, which is on 14th of April.

Moot Court



A new addition to our programme is a *Moot Court* on Art. 101 TFEU which was divided in two parts: procedural and substantive law. For both parts the participants were asked to write opposing briefs for the applicants and the respondents and finally a ruling. However, the highlight of the activity were the moot court sessions in which three teams pleaded as fined firms and Commission or ruled as court members of the ECJ.

Parliamentary Consultations

Another new feature of our programme are *parliamentary consultations*, which were introduced this year for the first time. The consultations are structured in the model of a simulation of the European Parliament. The students are assigned to controversial topics that concern the European Union. The students publish a working paper, which outlines the problem and develops an individual suggestion for solving the problems in respect to the legal background of the EU and the member states and discuss them with the entire course.

We all hope you enjoyed this edition of our Alumni Newsletter!
The MBL Staff at Freie Universität Berlin