



Centre for Training and Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRRCR)

Of

MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

in collaboration with

COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

organises

**ONLINE National Seminar on
COMPETITION POLICY and CARTELS**

on

12 December 2020

ABOUT MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai has been established under the Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014 on 20th March 2014. The Act envisages to establish and incorporate National Law Universities in the State for the development and advancement of legal education and for the purposes of imparting specialized and systematic instruction, training and research in systems of law and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The object of the university is to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes. As its role in national development MNLU Mumbai strives to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility, zeal to serve society in the field of law. Emphasis is laid on by developing skills in regard to advocacy, training in legal services, exercises in legislation-drafting, research in law reforms and the like. This is meted out by regularly organizing lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops, competitions and conferences regularly. University also provides conducive environment for participating in Inter-University Competitions.

With the objective to serve for social development, MNLU Mumbai runs 5 Year Integrated B.A.,LL.B. (H) Program, One Year (Post Graduate) LL.M. Program in Corporate and Commercial Laws, Constitutional & Administrative Laws & Criminal & Security Law, (Executive)MA in Mediation and Ph.D. programme along with other centers of studies working

for research in applied law fields. In furtherance to achieving objective of research in Corporate and Commercial laws, the **Centre for Training and Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRRCR)** of MNLU Mumbai is organising **Online National Seminar on “Competition Policy & Cartel”** on 12 December 2020.

ABOUT SEMINAR

Concept Note:

Section 2(c) of the Competition Act 2002: “Cartel” includes an association of producers, sellers, distributors, traders or service providers who, by agreement amongst themselves, limit, control or attempt to control the production, distribution, sale or price of, or, trade in goods or provision of services;’ Cartel are anti-competitive agreement between the competitors and are treated illegal by all jurisdictions.

Detection and establishing a cartel is quite a challenging task for Competition Regulators. Boom in digital market economy has thrown fresh challenges in detecting Cartels. Covid-19, the pandemic may also give chance to competitors to enter into ant-competitive horizontal agreements to make better gains in stressed economy. Hence Cartels which directly affect consumers need to be looked into with fresh perspective.

Objectives

This conference aims to:

- Provide an interactive forum to engage in the discourse on Substantive and Procedural laws in Cartel
- Stimulate research and debate on contemporary challenges in digital market economy with respect to Cartels
- Develop a better understanding of competition concerns in different types of cartels in different market conditions
- Create network among the academicians, researchers, students and industry (particularly those working in the area of Competition Law) so as to develop an environment for exchange of ideas between academia and industry.

Conference Sub-themes

- Legal & Enforcement Framework
- Cartels in digital platform market
- Hard Core Cartels
- Soft Cartels
- International Cartels
- Dawn Raids & Investigations
- Calculation of Fines in various jurisdictions
- Punishments: Civil & Criminal Liability
- Leniency Programme
- Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
- Private Enforcement Actions
- Cartels in Pandemic Times

Note: The sub-themes mentioned above are only suggestive. Authors are free to include any issues within the main theme.

Conference Participation

Who should participate?

This conference is aimed at students, researchers, academicians, executives of companies and practitioners in the area of Competition Law. The conference will have a balance of lectures and presentations from the academia as well as the practitioners.

Co-Authorship:

- There can be a maximum of three Co-Authors for a Research Paper. All the author as well as co-authors will have to separately register themselves by paying the requisite registration fees.
- One co-author or all may present the paper.
- Only those who submit the full paper can attend the conference and present their paper.

Submission of papers:

A 500-word abstract of the paper including research questions, methodology and expected results along with one-page curriculum vitae and contact details should be submitted initially. Authors of selected abstracts will then be invited to submit full original papers of not more than 5000 words. The paper should be original. It should be submitted in word, single spaced in Times Roman 12 and the margins should be 4.9cm (top & bottom) and 4.5 cm (left and right margins). Foot notes should follow The Bluebook: A uniform System of citation 20th Edition with font of Times Roman 10.

Important dates and deadlines for Paper Presentation

S.No.	Event	Dates
1	Last date of submission of abstracts	26 November 2020
2	Review, Selection and intimation to authors	28 November 2020
3	Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Conference	30 November 2020
4	Last Day of Submission of Full Paper	9 December 2020
5	Conference date	12 December 2020

*Abstracts have to be submitted as word documents, with a covering letter containing the name, designation and affiliation/profile of the author(s), and should be emailed to kiran@mnlumumbai.edu.in with subject 'Abstract Submission'.

** Certificate of Merit would be given for Best Presentation in each session.

***All Certificates will be couriered to the address of participants

****Subject to consent of any reputed publisher, few selected papers may be published in book form.

Registration

- On abstract being selected, the author/authors have to register by making online payment. In case of more than one author, all the co-authors have to register separately.
- After registration, participants shall write a mail to kiran@mnlumumbai.edu.in with subject 'Registration and Payment Details'. The mail shall include Amount deposited, date of transaction and transaction ID.

REGISTRATION FEES

A. Under Graduate Students

- a. Early Bird Registration Rs. 750
- b. Late Registration Rs. 1000

B. Research Scholars/Teachers/Professionals

- a. Early bird Registration Rs. 1000
- b. Late Registration Rs. 1500

C. For Participants of Certificate Course on Competition Law: Rs. 500

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Programme Schedule

Time	12 December 2020
9.45AM-10 AM	Registration
10 AM – 12.30 PM	Session I: Panel Discussion
12.45PM – 2:00PM	Session II : Paper Presentation
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Session III: Paper Presentation
5:30 PM – 7.30PM	Session IV: Paper Presentation

PATRON

PROF. (DR.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor

CONVENER

**Dr. Kiran Rai, Head of U.G. Department, MNLU Mumbai &
Convener, Center for Training & Research in Commercial Regulations**