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CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bangalore

WINTER SCHOOL ON DIGITAL MARKET REGULATION

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DATE
SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2026

TIME
9.30 AM TO 1.30 PM

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ABOUT CHRIST
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) emerged from the educational vision of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, a notable educationist and social reformer of the nineteenth century in South India. In 1831, he established the first Catholic indigenous congregation, the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), which now administers CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) commenced its illustrious journey in 1969 when it was established as ‘Christ College’. Pioneering transformative strides in Indian higher education, it introduced innovative, contemporary curricula, emphasised academic discipline, and imparted Holistic Education. With the unwavering support of its innovative and devoted staff, the institution embraced global higher education practices, setting new benchmarks for academic excellence.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of India conferred the status of autonomous on Christ College in 2004 and designated it as an Institution with Potential for Excellence in 2006. In 2008, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India declared the institution a “Deemed to be University”. One of the first institutions in India to be accredited by the NAAC in 1998 and subsequently re-accredited in 2004 and 2016 with the top grade ‘A’ on the 4-point scale, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) achieved an ‘A+’ grade in its most recent re-accreditation in 2023, reaffirming its commitment to excellence.

The multidisciplinary University dedicated to teaching, research, and service offers a wide array of Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral programmes in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, engineering, architecture, and law to about 25,000 students. The University offers programmes across three campuses: Bengaluru in Karnataka, Pune Lavasa in Maharashtra, and Delhi NCR.

With its global outreach, the University embodies a vibrant tapestry of harmonious multiculturalism, with students hailing from every state and union territory, and from approximately 60 countries. The University has been ranked 601–800 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026 and has also been listed among India's leading institutions in THE Week Hansa Research Survey 2026. The University has further achieved a remarkable research milestone of 14,000 Scopus-indexed publications, and has published more than 300 books in Kannada and English. As a staunch advocate of sports, music, and literary endeavours, it cultivates an environment conducive to fostering creative brilliance.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), is a premier legal institution dedicated to the continuous and dynamic process of developing legal minds who are par excellence professionals, imbued with a profound sense of social responsibility. With over 1,600 students from across the nation and abroad, the university's diverse student community is supported by world-class infrastructure. We are home to one of the most resourceful law libraries in South India, complemented by information centres with 24/7 internet connectivity, state-of-the-art classrooms, conference halls, and a mini-auditorium, establishing us as a premier legal educational institution. The dedicated and meritorious faculty maintains the best faculty-student ratio in the country. Students are presented with 60 wide-ranging elective subjects, providing the ideal platform to diversify their legal acumen and expertise. Through a wide array of initiatives, SLCU facilitates a continuous industry-academia institution interface.

It ensures exposure to a treasure trove of extracurricular activities, including sports, cultural activities, and co-curricular activities, such as moot court competitions, debate & ADR competitions, and the legal aid cell. The students are provided with a time-fluid internship schedule to hone the practical legal skills they need. SLCU has collaborated with multiple international universities, including Cardozo Law School in New York, Miami University in Ohio, Lille Catholic University and Sorbonne Paris Nord in France, the University of Bristol and Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK, Boston College in the USA, the University of Western Cape in South Africa, the University of South Denmark in Denmark, and International Christian University in Japan.

Additionally, the School of Law has been ranked 24th among law universities in the prestigious 'India Rankings 2025' by the Ministry of Education (MoE)'s National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Reflecting its standing in the international legal arena, the School of Law CHRIST has also had the honour of organising the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition India Rounds 2026, bringing together some of the finest legal minds from across the country.

SCHOOL OF LAW CHRIST
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WINTER SCHOOL ON DIGITAL MARKET REGULATION

SEPTEMBER 7 – 11, 2026 | MODE: HYBRID | DURATION: 15 ACADEMIC HOURS
TIME: 9.30 AM-1.30 PM

CONCEPT NOTE

The rapid evolution of the digital economy has transformed global commerce, communication, and social infrastructure. Driven by multi-sided platforms, massive data aggregation, and powerful network effects, digital markets have created unprecedented consumer efficiencies. However, these same economic forces have given rise to unprecedented market concentration. A small cohort of technology companies now acts as systemic gatekeepers, controlling the critical digital bottlenecks through which modern commerce must flow.

Traditional antitrust frameworks, designed for the brick-and-mortar industrial economies of the 20th century, have proven structurally inadequate to handle the challenges of the digital ecosystem. Traditional ex-post enforcement relies on lengthy investigations and litigation. By the time a regulatory body establishes an abuse of dominance, the affected market has often permanently tipped in favour of the incumbent, rendering traditional behavioural or monetary remedies ineffective. Consequently, jurisdictions are diverging in their strategies. The European Union, the United Kingdom, and Japan are pioneering distinct ex-ante regulatory models to proactively prevent anti-competitive conduct. In contrast, the United States, Korea, Brazil, and Indonesia are addressing these challenges primarily through the rigorous application and adaptation of existing competition laws, relying on ex-post enforcement to tackle systemic gatekeeping and preserve marketplace contestability, innovation, and consumer choice.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE WINTER SCHOOL

The 5-day Winter School on the Regulation of Digital Markets is designed to provide advanced students, legal practitioners, policymakers, and industry professionals with a rigorous, multidisciplinary understanding of the economic and legal battlegrounds shaping tech governance. The specific objectives are:

- To master the foundational microeconomics governing multi-sided digital platforms and network dynamics.
- To critically analyse the systemic failure of traditional ex-post competition law in fast-moving technology sectors.
- To dissect and compare emerging global ex-ante regulatory frameworks (EU's DMA/DSA, UK's DMCC, and India's Draft Digital Competition Bill).
- To investigate complex modern regulatory frontiers, including algorithmic collusion, generative AI vertical integration, AdTech supply chains, and app store duopolies.
- To evaluate the legal and structural feasibility of remedies, balancing the imperative for market intervention against the preservation of technological innovation.

PEDAGOGY AND TARGET AUDIENCE

Pedagogy for this pair the theoretical rigour with practical policy application, with a comparative understanding of Digital Market Regulations across borders. The programme is targeted towards Law students, PhD Scholars, Law faculty, Advocates, Policy makers, and other professionals interested in the regulation of Digital Markets.

PROFILE OF COURSE INSTRUCTORS

PROF. MASAKO WAKUI

OSAKA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Masako Wakui is a Professor of Law at Osaka Metropolitan University and a Visiting Professor at Newcastle University, UK. She is also a Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University and formerly taught at Rikkyo University. Her research focuses on competition law and policy, and she has authored numerous scholarly publications in the field. Beyond academia, she has played an active role in shaping Japan's regulatory landscape. Her public service includes work as a researcher at the Japan Fair Trade Commission's Competition Policy Research Centre (CPRC) and an expert member of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's Monitoring Meeting on Digital Platforms. She currently serves on the board of the Japan Association of Economic Law and is co-head of the Asian Chapter of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA).

She is currently engaged in research projects, including a five-year study on crafting a global model for competition law based on Japan's Antimonopoly Database, funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and a two-year project examining 2030 competition and consumer policies at the JFTC CPRC.

PROF. VINICIUS KLEIN

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PARANA, BRAZIL

Professor Vinicius Klein is a highly accomplished academic and legal practitioner based in Brazil, currently serving as a professor at the Federal University of Paraná (UFPR). At UFPR, he teaches undergraduate, LLM, and PhD students in the Law School, as well as students in the Professional LLM program at the Business School. In addition to his teaching duties, he acts as the Coordinator of the Centre for Law and Economics Studies at UFPR (NEDE/UFPR). Beyond his academic roles, Professor Klein is actively engaged in public service as a Paraná State Solicitor, operating out of the office of the State Solicitor General.His deep expertise is anchored by two doctoral degrees: a Ph.D. in Civil Law from the Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ) and a Ph.D. in Economic Development from UFPR. His career features significant international engagement, including serving as a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Côte d'Azur University in 2022 and as a Glasgow Fellow at the University of Glasgow Law School in 2023. Locally and internationally, he holds prominent institutional leadership roles, serving as the Institutional Relations Director of the Brazilian Association of Law and Economics (ABDE), the Academic Director of the Brazilian Institute of Competition and Innovation (IBCI), and as an active member of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA).

DR. THOMAS WECK

FRANKFURT SCHOOL OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT, GERMANY

Dr Thomas Weck is Associate Professor for Public Law, Regulatory Law and Comparative Law at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. He is also lecturing at the School of German Law at Warsaw University. Previously, he was a Lead Analyst at the Monopolies Commission in Bonn (2012-2022) and, before that, worked at a British and an American law firm in Brussels (2007 to the end of 2012). Prof. Weck is co-chair of the German chapter of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA).

DR. NEHA VYAS

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, UK

Dr Neha Vyas is a Lecturer in Commercial Law at Newcastle University and a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the UK. She holds a Doctorate in Law from Goethe University (Frankfurt, Germany), completed on a scholarship from the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. She also holds an LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Laws, a postgraduate diploma in Intellectual Property Law, and graduate degrees in law and commerce. She has further pursued professional training in chartered accountancy and enrolled with the Bar Council of India.Prior to joining Newcastle University, Dr Vyas served as a UGC NET-qualified Assistant Professor of Law at Christ University (Bengaluru, India), where she designed and taught elective courses in corporate governance, international tax law, and competition law.

At Newcastle University, she teaches business law and has designed and delivered modules on Digital Labour Platforms and Workers' Rights, as well as Global Competition Law and Policy in the Digital Era.

Her research and teaching interests lie in competition law, international tax law and labour law, with a particular focus on the impact of digitisation on legal and economic frameworks. She often takes an interdisciplinary approach by merging these areas of interest. She has published in leading academic journals and is the author of Competition Law – Concepts, Law and Practice (Eastern Book Company, 2021) for practitioners, academics and students, and has also revised and edited Avtar Singh's Competition Law (Eastern Book Company, 2024).

WINTER SCHOOL COLLABORATORS

UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO PARANÁ (UFPR), BRAZIL

Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR), established in 1912, is a symbol of Curitiba, the capital city of the state of Paraná. It is one of the Top Ten Brazilian universities by any standard and stands among the 25 most prestigious in Latin America. UFPR is deeply committed to education, science, technology, innovation, culture, and citizenship for the benefit of the people of Paraná.UFPR is a comprehensive public institution of higher education, financed in part by the federal budget, especially at the undergraduate level, and, at the graduate level, through federal and state research agencies and partnerships with public and private industries, in research, and in the third mission.

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UFPR is present in Curitiba, with five campuses, and in five cities in distinct regions of Paraná, and comprises 14 academic units responsible for undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as diverse professional training programs, e.g., medical, multi-health professional, and veterinary residency programs. Faculty and staff are among the most prestigious, with 2,450 tenure-holding professors, 70% of them holding a doctoral degree. Our scientists publish over 15,000 scientific publications annually and hold more than 395 pending patents.

The UFPR Law School was among the first courses taught at the University, with classes beginning in 1913, and it remains in the University's historical headquarters at Santos Andrade Square. UFPR Law School is among the most prestigious in Brazil, ranked among the top five law faculties and home to one of the three post-graduation programs in Law that received the maximum grade from the Ministry of Science and Technology.

FRANKFURT SCHOOL OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT, GERMANY

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management is one of Europe's leading business schools. It is the leading German business school in terms of research and among the 1% of business schools worldwide that are AACSB-, EQUIS-, and AMBA-accredited. We are proud of the outstanding careers our alumni pursue. Numerous partnerships with companies, foundations, start-ups, central banks and NGOs shape our identity and that of our community – across research, degree programmes, consulting, vocational training and Professional & Executive Education.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, UK

Newcastle University exists for the public benefit – to advance education, learning and research. Our refreshed vision and goals provide a clear framework for delivering our enduring promise that everything we do builds a healthier, more sustainable, and more just future. We aim to work collaboratively with our many partners to shape brighter futures for our students and communities, grow the economy and champion social justice. We are a world-leading university, advancing knowledge, providing creative solutions, and addressing global problems. Since our origins in 1834, we have existed for the public benefit. We advance education, research and creativity to improve lives and shape a better future. As we approach our 200th anniversary, our purpose remains clear: to harness excellence to create a positive impact. We are proud of where we come from and the difference we make. We think differently, act with purpose and make a positive contribution. Our home is in Newcastle. It is a city of creativity, innovation and opportunity in the North East of England. From here, we work in partnership to support communities, grow the economy and fight for environmental and social justice. We extend our global reach through our campuses in Singapore and Malaysia, as well as partnerships and collaborations worldwide.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

WINTER SCHOOL ON REGULATION OF DIGITAL MARKETS

TIME: 09:30 AM – 01:30 PM | TOTAL: 15 ACADEMIC HOURS (3 HOURS INSTRUCTION / DAY)

DAY 1 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

TIMING	SESSION TOPIC	CORE THEORETICAL OUTLINE & SCOPE
09:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Inaugural Session (Venue: Campus View)	Introduction and program briefing by the Leadership Team and Winter School Course Instructors.
10:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Session 1: Platform Economics	Microeconomics of multi-sided markets, network effects, and strategic user lock-in mechanisms.
11:25 AM – 11:30 AM	Interval	
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Session 2: Ex-Post Antitrust Failures and Ex-Ante Regulatory Challenges in Designating Gatekeepers and Core Platform Services	Analyses the 'too little, too late' paradox in tech enforcement, structural market tipping, litigation lags, and the systematic breakdown of traditional market definitions. The discussion then turns to the challenges lawmakers face when designing ex-ante regulations, particularly the tension between quantitative thresholds and qualitative designations for identifying entrenched market power. A comparative analysis examines several regulatory frameworks: on one hand, the EU's Digital Markets Act (DMA), Germany's

		Section 19a under the Competition Act, the UK's Strategic Market Status (SMS) regime via the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers (DMCC) Act, India's Draft Digital Competition Bill (DCB), and Japan's smartphone-related legislation; on the other hand, approaches taken by Brazil and Indonesia.

DAY 2 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Timing	Session Topic	Core Theoretical Outline & Scope
09:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Session 3: Anatomy of Gatekeepers & Core Platform Services	Analysis of unfair practices: self-preferencing algorithms, tying/bundling of digital utilities, default settings, revenue share agreements and anti-steering clauses.
11:25 AM – 11:30 AM	Interval	
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Session 4: Tech Mergers & 'Killer Acquisitions'	Defensive acquisition strategies targeting nascent competitive threats; theories of innovation harm; the inadequacy of asset/turnover-based merger notifications; shift toward transaction-value thresholds and reversed burdens of proof. [Optional: As illustrative examples, examine key Indonesian merger cases, including Grab-Uber, Gojek-Tokopedia, and the TikTok-Tokopedia integration.]

DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Timing	Session Topic	Core Theoretical Outline & Scope
09:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Session 5: Data-Competition & Privacy Frictions	Data hoarding and data feedback loops as insurmountable barriers to entry; structural frictions between competition law enforcement and data privacy architecture (GDPR/DPDP Act); privacy degradation as a qualitative antitrust injury.
11:25 AM – 11:30 AM	Interval	
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Session 6: The European Framework (DMA & DSA), German Facebook and Competition Law 19a	Landmark Facebook case and regulatory frameworks in Germany focusing on Section 19a. The global impact of the Digital Markets Act (DMA); operationalising the statutory list of obligations and prohibitions for gatekeepers; the Digital Services Act (DSA) framework: algorithmic accountability, dark patterns, and systemic risk audits.

DAY 4 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

TIMING	SESSION TOPIC	CORE THEORETICAL OUTLINE & SCOPE
09:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Session 7: Conflict of Interest: Marketplace & AdTech	Conflicts of interest in the programmatic advertising supply chain (acting as buyer, seller, and exchange simultaneously).
11:25 AM – 11:30 AM	Interval	
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Session 8: Algorithmic Collusion & GenAI	Can machines conspire? Hub-and-spoke pricing models; tacit vs explicit collusion by autonomous agents (Illustrative cases of algorithmic collusion include Brazil's fuel retail market and airline industry investigations); and personalised pricing exploitation. Emergent bottlenecks in GenAI: compute concentration, data moats, and cloud partnerships.

DAY 5 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

TIMING	SESSION TOPIC	CORE THEORETICAL OUTLINE & SCOPE
09:30 AM – 11:25 AM	Session 9: Sectoral Monopolies: App Stores	App store duopolies: 30% commission models, mandated in-app billing engines, and side loading and anti-steering disputes. This section outlines antitrust cases and regulatory approaches across the EU, India, Brazil, Indonesia, and Japan.
11:25 AM – 11:30 AM	Interval	
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Session 10: Remedies, Enforcement, & Capstone Pitch	Behavioural vs structural remedies (interoperability mandates, data silos vs corporate divestitures/breakups); cross-border compliance logistics. This is achieved through a comparative analysis of regulatory approaches in the EU, UK, US, India, Brazil, Indonesia and Japan, all while navigating jurisdictional fragmentation. Concludes with a Capstone Evaluation Pitch where student teams present regulatory solutions to a simulated digital market crisis.

Certificates will be issued by the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) upon successful completion of 15 Academic Hours and the Capstone Pitch.

REGISTRATION FORM

Participation Fee (will be charged per delegate to offset the preparation cost)

For Registration
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STUDENTS FROM INDIAN UNIVERSITIES: Rs. 1500/-
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INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Rs. 2500/-

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