

Maastricht University Faculty of Law	
Area of Research	Competition and Consumer Law in a Changing Society
Affiliated Research Institute	<p>METRO Institute for Transnational Legal Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/metro <p>Maastricht European Private Law Institute (MEPLI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/M-EPLI
Team of possible Promotor(s) and reference publications	<p>Dr. C. Cauffman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/caroline.cauffman/research <p>Prof. N.J. Philipson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/niels.philipson/research
Additional Supervisor(s)	<p>Prof. Dr. S.L.T. Schoenmaekers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sarah.schoenmaekers/research
Faculty Research Program(s) (more options possible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global Justice ○ Institutional Transformations ○ Globalising Markets ○ Cross-border Cooperation and Mobility ○ Law and Technology
Applicable Chinese Government Sectors for Talent Development	<p>Humanities and Social Sciences</p> <p>Multidisciplinary research angle with other identified sectors (more options possible):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frontier Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information Technology - Basic Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global Change and Regional Response ○ Scientific Basis for Development of Information Technology
Proposed list of topics (non-exhaustive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of non-economic justifications for restrictions of competition • Information sharing between competitors in a digital society • Absolute vs relative abuse of dominance • Private enforcement of competition law in China • The use of big data and AI in law enforcement • Developing IT/AI tools for market surveillance/consumer protection (<i>only open to law graduates with a BA or MA in computer science or who can convince us of advanced knowledge of computer science</i>) • Online (social) trading platforms • Liability of E-commerce platforms for defective products or services • Also: topics in the area of public procurement
Methodology	<p>Comparative legal research comprising at least the jurisdictions of (Greater) China and the EU; and (where applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multidisciplinary research methods encompassing for example law & economics and legal tech ○ Quantitative research methods ○ Interviews