Aims and Focus
Any system of law is only as effective as its enforcement mechanism. Enforcement has been described as the 'life blood' of a competition law, in the absence of which a competition regime is 'somewhat pointless'. The significance of competition law enforcement is steadily growing in the context of globalisation of markets and regulations.

The ongoing discourse on the enforcement of competition law calls for an assessment of various enforcement methods in light of their qualities, complementariness and potential overlap, in different (national, regional and international) contexts. At the same time regard has to be given to the issues of legitimacy, due process and human rights.

This Postgraduate Workshop aims to review and assess competition law enforcement methods and techniques; to study the current challenges of competition law enforcement; and to explore various answers and solutions to these challenges.

Papers are invited from PhD students at different stages of their research on any of the following themes:

- Private enforcement through actions for damages (theme 1)
- Public enforcement: legitimacy, due process and human rights (theme 2),
- Practical aspects of transnational enforcement of competition law (theme 3).

Other topics which fall within the broad theme of the enforcement of competition law and tie in with received submissions may be also considered. Papers may draw lessons from particular competition law regimes or adopt a comparative approach.

This Postgraduate Workshop offers participants an opportunity to present and discuss their research in a friendly and critically engaged atmosphere. Thanks to its structure (see below), the involvement of expert discussants (junior academics) and senior faculty (chairing sessions), presenters are expected to receive detailed feedback. This intensive academic exercise is intended to ultimately lead to publication in a special issue of a leading peer-reviewed journal in the field. While organisers do not guarantee publication, the *Competition Law Review* has agreed to consider publication, subject to the usual peer review, of the papers submitted for the Workshop and revised in the light of the discussions at the event.
Structure
The Workshop will be composed of three to four panels around the suggested themes. As the number of participants is limited, the organizers will select those proposals that offer the best fit with the indicated themes and that seem most promising. Each panel will have an expert discussant, an established junior academic, who will comment on each paper presented at a particular panel. Each participant will be obliged to submit the draft paper four weeks in advance of the Workshop. The papers will be then forwarded to the respective discussants and to all the participants. Each participant is expected to have read the other participants’ papers and to participate actively throughout the Workshop. During the Workshop each participant will be offered a few minutes to briefly reintroduce the paper. This will be followed by the discussant feedback and comments, and by the discussion on the forum. Each participant will be allocated a total of 30 minutes minimum.

Best Paper Award
The UCD Dean of Law will consider an award of the prize for the best paper submitted for the Workshop. All papers of non-UCD participants will be considered for the Award, which will be presented at the end of the Workshop. The Award prize is a €100 voucher valid for the leading international online bookshop.

Deadlines
Abstracts, of approximately 300 words and indicating the selected theme, should be sent by e-mail to lawPhDworkshop@ucd.ie The closing date for receipt of abstracts is 7th December 2011. Successful applicants will be informed by 4th January 2012. The submission of draft papers (up to 10,000 words) is required by 23rd February 2012.

Costs
Participants are expected to cover their own travel costs. Thanks to the kind support of our sponsors we will organize and cover the cost of accommodation for participants from abroad. Lunch and refreshments during the Workshop as well as a dinner following the event will be provided.

Participation Stipend
We are happy to offer one scholarship, to the value of €200, for a participant unable to cover airfare costs due to financial difficulties (please, contact us for details if interested).

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