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The Editorial Board of the Yearbook of Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (YARS) invites academics and practitioners to submit research and critical papers that refer to law & economics of competition and regulation concerning free flow of information in the Digital Single Market for YARS 2026 vol. 19(33).

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Submission deadline: by 30 March 2026 for vol. 19(33).

We kindly encourage you to express your interest to publish before submitting your contribution by sending an e-mail to yars@uw.edu.pl.

Please submit your articles via <u>YARS</u> submission system.

Contributions may focus on:

- address legal, economic, or management dimensions of competition law and regulatory policy;
- analyse restrictive practices, merger control, and state aid, both in substantive and procedural contexts;
- explore sector-specific regulation fostering competition, particularly in digital, energy, telecom, postal, and transport markets;
- present comparative or country-specific perspectives, especially from post-transition economies or emerging competition regimes;
- evaluate interactions between EU and national frameworks, enforcement practices, or institutional developments;
- provide empirical studies, case analyses, or policy evaluations relevant to competition and regulation;
- discuss current challenges and reform trends,
- examine the relationship between competition law and broader public policy objectives, such as sustainability, innovation, or media pluralism;
- contribute interdisciplinary insights linking competition policy with law, economics, political science, or management;
- propose normative or theoretical reflections on the evolving goals, principles, and

enforcement paradigms of antitrust and regulatory systems.

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In this issue of YARS, we aim to provide a platform for rigorous academic debate and the dissemination of high-quality research on competition law and sectoral regulation. The volume will seek to bridge the gap between theory and practice, fostering dialogue among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners from diverse jurisdictions.

This issue aspires to highlight emerging developments and contemporary challenges in competition protection and pro-competitive regulation, with particular attention to their institutional, economic, and societal implications. By combining comparative and interdisciplinary approaches, YARS promotes a deeper understanding of how competition and regulatory frameworks can support fair, efficient, and innovation-driven markets.

Through this call, we invite contributions that advance the ongoing discourse on the balance between market dynamics and public interest, offering fresh perspectives and critical analyses relevant to both mature and developing competition regimes.

YARS volume 19(33) will be edited by Dr. Laura Zoboli and Prof. Maciej Bernatt (University of Warsaw). In case of any doubts, please do not hesitate to reach them out: l.zoboli@uw.edu.pl.

YARS accepts

- articles (the focus is on critical review of both speculative research and practice-based research in law & economics)
- reviews of national legislation and jurisprudence in antitrust in 2024-2025
- comments to crucial judgments or antitrust/regulatory decisions issued in 2024-2025 including EU courts case-law
- book reviews
- reports of research and academic activities in 2024-2025 (e.g., conferences, seminars, research projects).

Submission of papers

The final papers for YARS volume 19(33) should be submitted by **30 March 2026**. Submissions must include: author's name, home institution, title of the paper, table of contents, abstract, keywords, JEL classification and full text of the article.

The minimum length of an article is 5,000 words and the maximum is 10,000 words. All articles must adhere to the OSCOLA referencing system. Please use our article's submission template. For further information on the submission process, please refer to the <u>Author Guidelines</u> available on the YARS website.

Review process

Submitted articles will undergo double-blind peer-review by two independent reviewers, followed by language and format review.