



# WRITING COMPETITION AND CALL FOR PAPERS FIRST INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP ON COMMUNICATIONS LAW AND POLICY

# 'COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY - CHALLENGES OF THE NEW DECADE'

**JUNE 17, 2010** 

Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 9 th, 2010 Deadline for writing competition: May 7th, 2010 Deadline for Journal publication: September 17th, 2010

THE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND REGULATION SCHOLARS FORUM (CPRSF), THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW AND AND THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATIONS LAW AND POLICY (IJCLP) are pleased to announce a joint call for interdisciplinary papers in occasion of the First Interdisciplinary Workshop on Communications Policy and Regulation taking place on June 17, 2010 at the University of Glasgow, UK. The topic of the workshop will be 'Communications and Competition Law and Policy – Challenges of the New Decade'. We invite scholars, postgraduate students, policy-makers, technologists, practitioners and industry representatives to submit papers on issues related to the topic, analyzed from a legal, political, economic and/or technological perspective.

#### CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Communications policy is subject to constant modifications as a result of innovation and requires continuous research in order to solve emerging challenges. Since the liberalisation of the sector, the current context of globalisation calls international solutions and interdisciplinary analysis. This is the intention behind the creation of the CPRSF, an interdisciplinary forum intending to bring together leading academics, regulators, researchers and any other stakeholders to discuss current issues of communications policy and regulation.

The first workshop of the CPRSF will focus on issues related to competition law and policy. The discussion will be centred around key developments that will affect the communications industry around the world. Submission are encouraged on issues within the framework of the workshop, both from an international perspective or focusing on specific problems in the UK and Scotland. These would include, but are not limited to:

- Next generation access networks
- Technological convergence as merger control
- Intellectual property
- State aid
- Margin squeezes
- The Net Neutrality Doctrine
- Vertical restraints
- Interrelation between media and antitrust regulation

We encourage creative approaches and welcome the submission of theoretical contributions, case studies, empirical researches or surveys offering insights into the current and forthcoming challenges for competition law and policy in the broad field of communications.

A full conference description, including a dedicated bibliography and speakers' bios and abstracts, will be made available at the CPRSF, <a href="http://www.cprsf.org">http://www.cprsf.org</a>. Selected papers be published in a dedicated printed volume of the IJCLP, as well as made available under an open access policy at the IJCLP's website at <a href="http://www.ijclp.net/">http://www.ijclp.net/</a>.

### WRITING COMPETITION: PRIZES FOR BEST PAPERS

Two prizes will be awarded to the best papers presented at the conference. The authors of the winning papers will be invited to present their work at a panel during the conference and will receive coverage of their travel and accommodation expenses. At its discretion, the selection committee, composed of representatives of the University of Glasgow and the Board of Editors of the IJCLP, may extend the aforementioned invitation to the best runners-up. Selected papers will be announced by May 21, 2010. The authors of the award-winning papers will automatically be invited to publish their work in a special volume of the International Journal of Communications Law & Policy devoted to the theme of the workshop.

Submissions for the writing competition must be received by **noon GMT**, May 7th 2010.

### JOURNAL PUBLICATION

Submissions for publication must be received by **noon GMT**, **September 17th**, **2010**. The selection committee, composed of representatives of the University of Glasgow and the Board of Editors of the IJCLP, will review and consider all submissions for publication in the special volume of the journal, including submissions for the writing competition. Authors will be notified of acceptance by November 17th, 2010.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions should be written in English and submitted in .doc, .docx, .rtf, .odt, or .pdf format. They should conform to academic citation standards (for more information please see <a href="http://www.ijclp.net/submissions.html">http://www.ijclp.net/submissions.html</a>) and be no longer than 15,000 words (footnotes included). An abstract of 300 words is also required.

Authors who are not participating in the writing competition have to submit long abstracts of up to 1,000 words by the deadline of April 9th, 2010. Submissions should be e-mailed simultaneously to Simone Francesco Bonetti, Chief editor of the IJCLP (<u>simo.bonetti@tiscali.it</u>) and Sandra Marco Colino, Director of Communications Policy and Regulation Scholars Forum and organiser of the workshop (<u>s.marcocolino@law.gla.ac.uk</u>).

For any further queries, please contact the the workshop organiser: <u>s.marcocolino@law.gla.ac.uk</u>

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