

Why it is worth to participate in ARIS: Antitrust and Regulation in Infrastructure Sectors Postgraduate Studies programme?

Firstly, ARIS is an academic studies programme meant to deepen and update the knowledge of antitrust and regulatory issues in infrastructure sectors. The programme is offered by the best Polish university (University of Warsaw) and in particular, a faculty judged of topmost quality by PAKA (Faculty of Management). ARIS is organized by the **Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (CARS)** (www.cars.wz.uw.edu.pl) – a specialized academic entity that forms part of the Faculty of Management of the University of Warsaw. CARS is well known for its scientific research, conferences and workshops, consulting services and an Open Ph.D Seminar series in the fields of antitrust and regulation. CARS publishes also several scientific series including the English language **Yearbook of Antitrust and Regulatory Studies (YARS)** (www.yars.wz.uw.edu.pl).

Second, the ARIS programme is strongly practice-oriented. It is designed so as **offer** its participants, both managers and sectorial specialists, crucial problem-solving skills necessary to deal with pro-competitive intervention (primarily *ex post*) and sector-specific regulation (primarily by way of an *ex ante* intervention). **ARIS is directed at the employees of companies in regulated sectors** as it offers knowledge and skills in areas of: managing companies in sectors supervised by antitrust authorities, determinants of management, economics of competition and sector-specific regulation, public antitrust law, sector competition law e.g. telecommunications law, energy sector law, transportations sector law. ARIS would also be of great advantage for the employees of **public administration, regulators as well as consultants and lawyers.**

Third, although ARIS is designed so as to be useful to all those interested in infrastructure sectors, each of its editions is focused on a single industry. The first edition of ARIS concentrates on the **telecommunications sector** (or in a broader sense, the electronic telecommunication), where competition law enforcement intervenes with *ex ante* regulation every time when competition fails.

Forth, ARIS is unique because it combines the knowledge deriving from economic as well as legal sciences. It thus expands on the usual teaching schemes offered by legal institutes. **The combination of law and economics** of competition protection and sector-specific regulations is reflected not only by the existence of specific lectures on competition economics overall or telecoms economics in particular, but also in the fact that traditionally ‘legal’ lectures are enriched with economic and procedural issues.

Fifth, the lecturers invited to join our team include not only renowned scientists but also independent **Polish and international experts** within their specific area of expertise in law and economics of competition protection and regulation. Some of them used to work on **“both sides of the fence” of the regulatory and antitrust process** – most of them lead specialization modules. Some of them are authors or editors of renowned commentaries to

Polish legislative acts on different aspects of public intervention into the economy (e.g. the Polish Telecommunications Act).

Sixth, ARIS uses **novel teaching methods**. Its core consists of lectures and tutorials based predominantly on **case studies**. It also offers however Internet **workshops**, e-mail duty hours and an Internet discussion forum.

Finally, CARS created a **separate web page** dedicated to ARIS (www.aris.wz.uw.edu.pl). One of its sections is available to its participants only. It contains lecture **materials** and support documents for its workshops. In the course of the first edition of ARIS, the participants will also receive a number of study **scripts**. They will be available during the course as well as after graduation. As a result, the participants of ARIS will be kept up to date on all updates in the content of their course.

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