
“The article by Daniel Mândrescu is an important and legally impressive contribution to a complex legal challenge: how to adapt current competition law to our increasingly online reality? This challenge is not just academically challenging, it is of urgent societal relevance. As the Google’s, Apple’s and Facebook’s of this world gain an unprecedented influence, already due to the data they collect and connect, we must consider how to regulate them without stifling innovation. Yet how do you regulate a market that is constantly developing, or that we may not even fully comprehend yet? In his contribution, Daniel adresses this challenge, connecting legal expertise with a clear understanding of the underlying economic and business realities. In doing so, the article also reflects the high standards and innovative nature of his other work, systematically exploring different key concepts in competition law that need reconceptualization. The jury would therefore like to congratulate Daniel with this valuable contribution in a leading global journal, and gladly awards the 2019 PEUL Meijers award to him.”

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