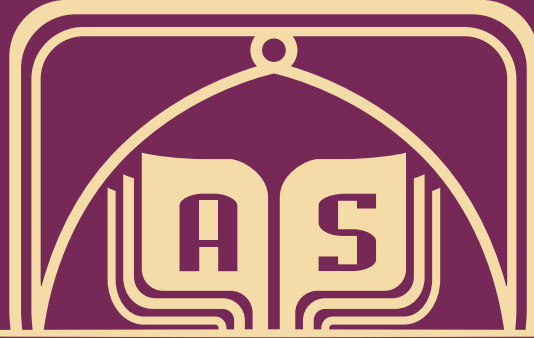




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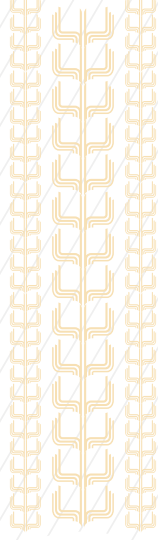


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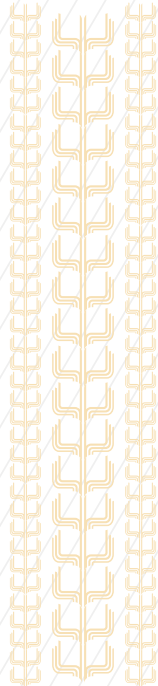
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About the Center

In an increasingly globalized world, competition and regulation practices are evolving in step with the demands of the 21st century society. Research centers play a vital role in meeting those demands. The Application and Research Center for Competition and Regulation (ARCCR) was established in 2014 at the Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBU) to promote the interdisciplinary study of competition and regulation. The ARCCR is a research-oriented center that brings together academics and practitioners working in the areas of competition and regulation. The main objective of the ARCCR is to foster the development of competition and regulation policy, law, and culture in Turkey and to thereby contribute to economic growth and prosperity in Turkey.



In order to establish and maintain a healthy competitive structure in today's markets, the ARCCR declares the following as its primary objectives: to seek solutions to existing issues and anticipate new challenges, to foster synergies and exchanges between experience and theory and to strengthen the legislation on competition and regulation. The ARCCR expects to contribute to the practices in competition and regulatory aspects of the oil and gas, energy, banking, telecommunications, and media and construction industries, and to provide a broad range of educational options for professionals who are either already working in the sector or who are interested in moving into the area. The ARCCR plays a strategic role not only in terms of its research interests, but also in terms of its location. Centrally situated in Ankara, the ARCCR has easy access to strategically important institutions, so it can build strong relations and a solid partnership with prominent regulatory authorities such as the Turkish Competition Authority, the Capital Markets Board of Turkey, the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency of Turkey, the Turkish Standards Institute, and the Turkish Radio and Television Supreme Council.



The ARCCR provides research-led teaching and prepares lawyers, policy makers, academics, and government officials for work in a complex and evolving context, the focus being not only upon current practice but also upon emerging trends. The ARCCR has the ability to accomplish its goals by blending three different legal cultures in competition and regulation areas with experience of its executive board members, who have completed doctoral studies in Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Institutional Values



The ARCCR conducts its activities under the umbrella of the ASBU, Turkey's first and only state university in the field of social sciences. Those activities contribute to the development of the normative infrastructure, the creation of a qualified workforce, and raising social awareness by encouraging academic research on competition law and regulation. The ARCCR's research is renowned both for its capacity to apply expertise from multiple fields to a single issue and for the depth of its contributions to each field. Its interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to examining the major issues of our day contributes to shaping real-world solutions and improving people's quality of life and their communities. To that end, the ARCCR's aim is to generate and disseminate research that can improve the functioning of regulated and non-regulated markets.

Areas of Activity

The ARCCR's research and educational programs contribute to the ASBU's long-standing emphasis on creating knowledge for the public good.

The four pillars of the ARCCR's mission statement are:

- Academic Programs
- Projects
- Consultancy Service
- Drafting and Revising Legislation

The ARCCR works across a network of legal, economic, business, policy, and academic communities to develop positions that reflect clear-headed, informed, multidisciplinary, and progressive thinking about competition and regulation policy.

The ARCCR's primary research goals are:

- To conduct research on regulatory aspects of the oil and gas, energy, banking, telecommunications, media, and construction industries
- To conduct research on the effectiveness of competition policy and law
- To conduct research on the institutions tasked with the design, implementation, and assessment of competition laws and economic regulations
- To provide a venue for scholars and practitioners to exchange views on competition and regulation law and policy through conferences, workshops, discussion forums, online papers, and its online materials database
- To host yearly competition and regulation symposia in collaboration with regulation authorities
- To conduct research on industries overseen by sector-specific economic regulators
- To create a better atmosphere under the umbrella of the ASBU for devoted scholars of competition and regulation laws
- To conduct research on various other themes within the general framework of competition and regulation law and policy.



Working in partnership with government, policy makers, and industry, the ARCCR is producing research across the following main themes:

- Competition Case Analysis
- Competition Principles in Regulatory Reform
- Guidelines, Policies, Practices, and Procedures
- Sector Based Competition and Regulation Studies
- Current Regulations and Cases in EU and USA
- Concerted Actions, Exemptions, and Administrative Monetary Fines in Competition Law

The ARCCR serves the public through research, education, and advocacy on the benefits of competition and regulation as vital components of national and international policy. Addressing today's challenges in the areas of competition and regulation also requires bridging academic expertise with practitioners' experience. Since its inception, the ARCCR has provided capacity-building assistance and policy advice through workshops, seminars, and training programs for officials in competition and regulation enforcement agencies and other parts of government, as well as for sector regulators, judges, and others. Another of the ARCCR's research interests is in drafting and revising legislation to address legal and policy issues. The ARCCR also provides legal consultancy services to public institutions and private entities.

Disciplines: Competition and Regulation

Competition

Free and open markets are essential for a vibrant economy. Protecting markets, competition, innovation, consumers, and workers is fundamental to ensuring economic and entrepreneurial freedom as well as the underlying democratic values embedded in our market system. Competition policy aims to make markets work for consumers through its core elements: law enforcement and advocacy. Competition law enforcement deals with anticompetitive practices arising from the acquisition or exercise of undue market power by firms that results in consumer harm in the forms of higher prices, lower quality, limited choices, and lack of innovation. Enforcement provides remedies to avoid situations that will lead to decreased competition in markets, such as in the case of prospective anticompetitive mergers. Effective enforcement is important not only to sanction anticompetitive conduct but also to deter future anti-competitive practices. In this context, the ARCCR seeks to reestablish balance in anti-competitive enforcement and competition policy through new ways of thinking that keep competition relevant in the face of more widespread and sophisticated strategic behavior, technological change, and globalization.



Regulation



Regulation is the monitoring and control of a sector or business by a government or an entity appointed by a government. Direct and indirect controls and limitations are imposed upon the regulated entity. Therefore, regulation plays a critical role in society. At its most basic level, regulation is used to mitigate risks that might otherwise lead to societal problems. It may be used to address a broad range of risks, including economic, health, infrastructure, security, and environmental risks. In this context, the ARCCR's interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to examining the major issues of our day contributes to shaping real-world solutions and improving people's quality of life and their communities. To that end, the ARCCR's aim is to develop and disseminate research that can improve the functioning of regulated and non-regulated markets.





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