PhD Course: **ECON907 - Economics of Vertical Restraints**

The University of Bergen, the Norwegian School of Economics and Bergen Center for Competition Law and Economics (BECCLE) are hosting a PhD Course on the Economics of Vertical Restraints.

**When:** May 19 - 28, 2014  
**Number of credits:** 6 ECTS  
**Language of instruction:** English

**Course content**  
The course will cover five major themes:  
1. Basic upstream/downstream contracting issues and the kinds of externalities that may arise  
2. The pro-competitive effects of vertical restraints  
3. The role of vertical restraints in dampening competition  
4. Private offers and the role of observable contracts  
5. Issues in vertical mergers

**Learning outcomes**  
Upon successful completion of this course the participants should be able to:  
- demonstrate a firm grasp of the relevant literature and state of the art thinking in this area  
- do independent analysis on vertical relations  
- assess the pros and cons of the welfare effects of vertical mergers/restraints

**Course registration and deadlines**  
[post@econ.uib.no](mailto:post@econ.uib.no), deadline: May 1.

**Part of training component**  
Course category: Academic theory

**Form of assessment**  
Home exam.

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