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# SPREADING THE EU COMPETITION LAW ON THE SILK ROAD

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On June 20, 2024, in Khujand, Tajikistan, as part of the project activities of the Jean Monnet South and East European Competition Law Center of



Excellence, a round table titled “EU Competition Law: Features and Development” was

held. The event was intended for the relevant academic and professional communities in Tajikistan and the surrounding region.

In addition to participants from Tajikistan, attendees from China and the United States also participated in the workshop.

The round table commenced with

opening speeches by Dubravka Aksamovic, Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, Osijek, Croatia, who provided a brief presentation on the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence South and East European Competition Law Project. Following this, introductory speeches were delivered by Associate Professor Jalilzoda Abdurashit Abdukamol, Director of the Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC, and Mukhtorov Saidqosim Saidosimovich, Head of the International Center and Global Engagement, Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC.

The main part of the round table consisted of two panels. The first panel, titled "Competition Law -



Highlights," featured lectures from:

- Prof. Dr. Sinisa Petrovic on the EU Competition Law - Highlights;
- Prof. Dr. Dubravka Aksamovic on Competition Law Enforcement: EU Commission and EU Court;



- Assistant Professor, PhD, Lidija Simunovic on State Aid;

- Associate Professor, PhD, Emiliano Marchisio on EU Competition Law and Public Interest.



The second panel, titled “Overview of the Competition Law in Tajikistan,” included presentations from:

- An expert from the Antimonopoly Committee of the Sughd region, Azimi Azamat, on the Overview of the

Antimonopoly Law in Tajikistan;

- Associate Professor Samadov Bakhtiyor on the Overview of the Competition Law in Tajikistan;

- Associate Professor Aqilov Firdavs Ilhomovich from the Faculty of Law, Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC, on Some Features of the



Legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on Competition.

Following the panels, a discussion was held on the possibilities for the



implementation and study of EU Competition Law and EU State Aid.

On the following day, June 21, 2024, a workshop titled "EU Competition Law: Case Studies" was held under the name "EU Competition Law - Highlights." The speakers were:

- Prof. Dr. Sinisa Petrovic on the Relevant Market;

- Prof. Dr. Dubravka Aksamovic on Bid-rigging;

- Associate Professor, PhD, Lidija Simunovic on EU State Aid: Case Law Study.

After the lectures, students engaged in a



brief discussion with the speakers.

In addition to the academic and professional aspects of the visit, participants



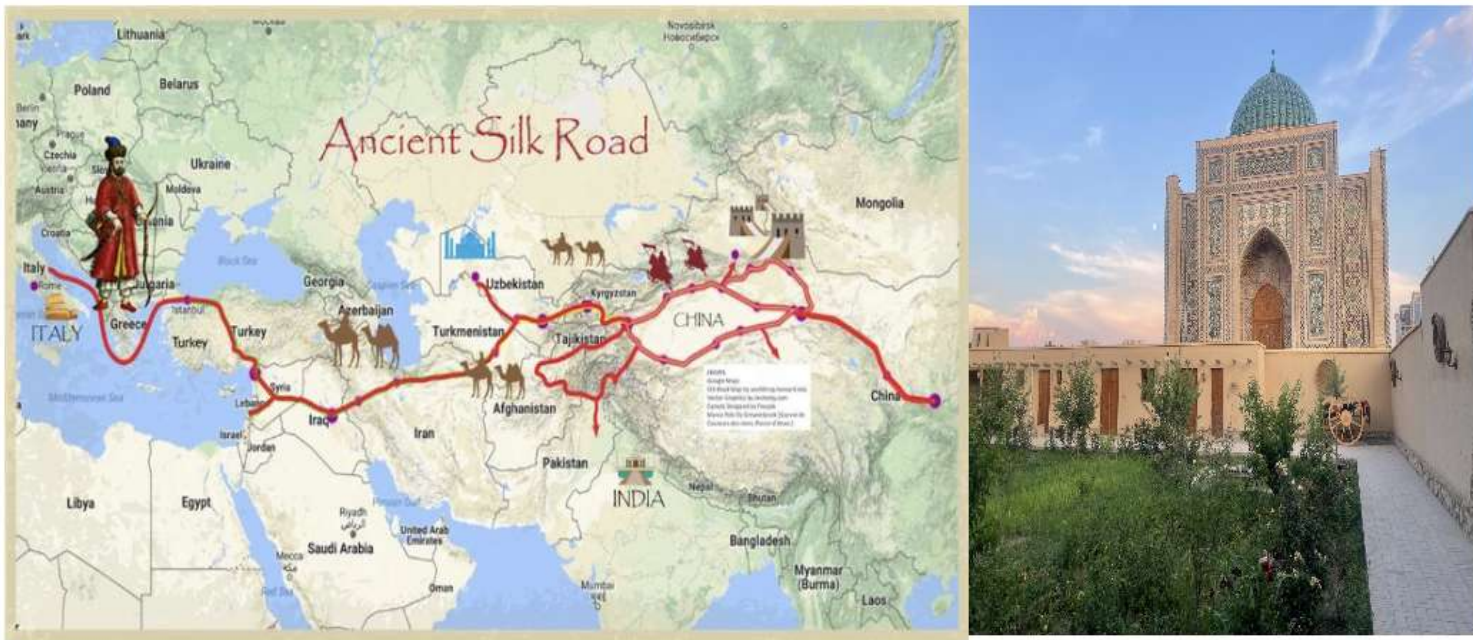


from the EU had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the culture and customs of the host city, Khujand. They visited Khujand's history museum and fortress.



## Facts about Khujand

Khujand, known as Leninabad from 1936 to 1991, is the second-largest city in Tajikistan and the capital of Tajikistan's northernmost Sughd province. It is one of the oldest cities in Central Asia, dating back



approximately 2,500 years to the Persian Empire. Situated on the Syr Darya river at the mouth of the Fergana Valley, Khujand was a major city along the ancient Silk Road.

Khujand was founded by Alexander the Great 2,500 years ago on the banks of the Syr Darya. It has a storied history as a Silk Road trading post, and its favorable location allowed it to develop into an important center of trade, industry, and agriculture.