

ACE 2023 PROGRAMME

16-17 November 2023

University of Edinburgh

16 NOVEMBER 2023 Thursday

08h30-09h10 Registration (Kirkland Suite)

09h15-09h20 Opening and Welcome (South Hall)

09h20-10h50 Special Case Session: Microsoft/Activision (South Hall)

Volker Nocke [Mannheim U.], Robert Ryan [CMA], Pierre Régibeau [former CE, DG COMP],
Cristina Caffarra [UCL, CEPR RPN Associate Fellow], with Benedikt Herz [DG COMP] & Matteo Foschi [CRA]

Chair: David Foster [Frontier]

10h50-11h20 Coffee Break (Kirkland Suite)

11h20-12h35 Parallel Sessions A

<p>A.1. National Market Investigation (South Hall) UK (Ofcom) - Cloud Services</p>	<p>A.2. National Merger (Pentland East) France - Géant Casino/Soditroy</p>	<p>A.3. National Antitrust (Pentland West) Latvia - Latvenergo</p>
<p><i>Market investigation</i></p>	<p><i>Retail merger</i></p>	<p><i>Abuse of dominance: AEC test in energy</i></p>
<p>Chair: Ana Sofia Rodrigues [Portuguese ADC]</p>	<p>Chair: Cyril Hariton [Positive Competition]</p>	<p>Chair: Louise Kastfelt [DCCA]</p>
<p>Agency: Fatima Fiandei [Ofcom]</p>	<p>Agency: Sven Fridolfsson [ADLC]</p>	<p>Agency: Dāvis Perševics [CC Latvia]</p>
<p>Consultant: Mikael Hervé [CRA] & Tim Reuter [BRG]</p>	<p>Consultant: Ariane Charpin [Deloitte]</p>	<p>Consultant: Mindaugas Cerpickis [CE]</p>
<p>Academic: Amelia Fletcher [U. East Anglia]</p>	<p>Academic: Helena Perrone [Mannheim U.]</p>	<p>Academic: Geert Van Moer [Hanken School of Economics]</p>

12h35-13h50 Lunch Break (JMCC Restaurant)

13h50-15h20 Plenary I: Frontiers of Merger Control (South Hall)

Massimo Motta [UPF], Kirsten Edwards-Warren [Compass], Fiona Scott Morton [Yale], Mike Walker [CMA]

Chair: Hans Zenger [DG COMP]

15h20-15h50 Coffee Break (Kirkland Suite)

15h50-17h05 Parallel Sessions B

B.1. National Antitrust (Pentland West)

Spain – Amazon/Apple

Vertical agreement

Chair: Marta Rocha [Portuguese ADC]

Agency: Pablo Velasco [CNMC]

Consultant: Paolo Buccirossi [LEAR]

Academic: Thomas Rønde [CBS]

B.2. EC State Aid (Pentland East)

EC – Chips Act

State aid semiconductors

Chair: Barbara Veronese [Oxera]

Agency: Lluís Saurí & Egle Skliaustyte [DG COMP]

Consultant: Kai-Uwe Kühn [BRG]

Academic: Otto Toivanen [Aalto U.]

B.3. National Antitrust (South Hall)

UK – Excessive pricing in pharma

Excessive pricing pharma

Chair: Marcel Balz (BKA)

Agency: Julie Bon (CMA)

Consultant: Katie Curry [RBB] & Valérie Meunier [Compass]

Academic: Yossi Spiegel [Tel Aviv U.]

17h10-18h10 Keynote Speech: Industrial Organization and the Rise of Market Power (South Hall)

Nathan Miller [Georgetown]

Chair: Jenny Haydock [CMA]

19h30-22h15 Dinner (Scottish National Gallery, The Scottish Café & Restaurant)

19h30 Arrival with drinks and canapés

19h45 Introduction from art expert, guests left to enjoy exhibition

20h30 Dinner buffet

17 NOVEMBER 2022 Friday

09h00-10h30 Plenary II: Article 102 Reform and the Economics of Exclusion (South Hall)

Patrick Rey [TSE], Lluís Saurí [DG COMP], Andrea Coscelli [Keystone], Benoît Durand [RBB]

Chair: Chiara Fumagalli [Bocconi U.]

10h30-10h45 Coffee Break (Kirkland Suite)

10h45-11h15 Best Paper Award (South Hall)

Björn Tyrefors [IFN Stockholm]

Daniel Knutsson & Björn Tyrefors (2022), "The Quality and Efficiency Between Public and Private Firms: Evidence from Ambulance Services", *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 137(4), 2213-2262

Chair: Yossi Spiegel [Tel Aviv U.]

11h20-12h35 Parallel Sessions C

C.1. National Antitrust (Pentland East)

Presumptions, guidance, and economics in cartel damages cases – a Spanish stroll

Cartel damages

Chair: Griet Jans [BCA]

Agency: Maria Vidales [CNMC]

Consultant: Joseph Bell [Oxera]

Academic: Maarten Pieter Schinkel [U. Amsterdam]

C.2. EC Antitrust (South Hall)

EC – Amazon

Self-preferencing

Chair: Alexis Walckiers [E.CA]

Agency: Gabor Koltay [DG COMP]

Consultant: Neil Dryden [Compass] & Sam Marden [CRA]

Academic: Francesco Decarolis [Bocconi U.]

C.3. National Merger (Pentland West)

Netherlands – RTL/Talpa

Media merger

Chair: Theon van Dijk [RBB]

Agency: Jan Svitak & Kate Bolger [ACM]

Consultant: Maurice de Valois Turk [Oxera]

Academic: Tobias Klein [Tilburg U.]

12h35-13h15 Short Lunch (JMCC Restaurant)

13h15-14h45 Plenary III: The Fragility of Freedom - Media Influence and Antitrust Policy (South Hall)

Guy Rolnik [Chicago Booth], Luisa Affuso [Ofcom], Laura-Lucia Richter [Google], Ariel Ezrachi [Oxford], Tommaso Valletti [Imperial College]

Chair: Oliver Latham [CRA]

14h45-14h50 Closing Remarks (South Hall)

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