

ACE 2024 PROGRAM

15-16 November 2024
Bocconi University (Milan)

15 NOVEMBER 2024 Friday

10h00-10h50 Registration (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

10h50-11h00 Opening and Welcome (Aula Magna Gobbi)

11h00-12h30 Special Policy Session: Competition and Industrial Policy (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Elisabetta Iossa [AGCM], Mathias Dewatripont [ULB], Kai-Uwe Kühn [BRG], Andrea Coscelli [Keystone]

Chair: Natalia Fabra [Carlos III]

12h30-13h50 Lunch (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

13h50-15h05 Parallel Sessions A

A.1 EC Merger (Aula Magna Gobbi)

EC – AIG/Air Europa

Airline merger

Chair: Francesca Sala [CMA]

A.2 National Merger (Aula Notari)

Netherlands – KPN/Youfone

Telecoms merger

Chair: Theon van Dijk [RBB]

A.3 National Market Investigation (Aula Zappa)

Ofcom – Online News, Social Media, and AI

Market investigation

Chair: Jenny Haydock [CMA]

Agency: Szabolcs Lorincz [DG COMP]
Consultant: Miguel de la Mano [RBB]
Academic: Michele Polo [Bocconi]

Agency: Jan Sviták [ACM]
Consultant: Timo Klein [Oxera]
Academic: Otto Toivanen [Helsinki]

Agency: Simeon Thornton [Ofcom]
Consultant: Gaber Burnik [CRA]
Academic: Doh-Shin Jeon [Toulouse]

15h05-15h35 Coffee Break (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

15h35-17h05 Plenary I: Digital Regulation (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Fiona Scott Morton [Yale], Hans Zenger [DG COMP], Giacomo Calzolari [EUI], Giulio Federico [Oxera]

Chair: Assimakis Komninos [White & Case]

17h05-17h15 Break

17h15-18h30 Parallel Sessions B

B.1 National Antitrust (Aula Magna Gobbi)
Hong Kong – Deliveroo/Foodpanda

Vertical agreements

Chair: Barbara Veronese [Oxera]

Agency: Milan Brouček [Hong Kong CC]
Consultant: Gwilhem Charbonnier [Compass]
Academic: Bruno Jullien [Toulouse]

B.2 National Merger (Aula Notari)
Germany – Müller/FrieslandCampina

Dairy merger

Chair: Antonio Buttà [Italian AGCM]

Agency: Christoph Wigger [BKartA]
Consultant: Christopher Milde [Compass]
Academic: Germain Gaudin [Freiburg]

B.3 National Merger (Aula Zappa)
Portugal – Vodafone/Nowo

Telecoms merger

Chair: Ethel Fonseca [RBB]

Agency: Mariana Costa [ADC]
Consultant: Helder Vasconcelos [Compass]
Academic: Yaron Yehezkel [Tel Aviv]

16 NOVEMBER 2024 Saturday

09h00-10h30 Plenary II: Antitrust and Generative AI (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Chiara Farronato [Harvard], Emilio Calvano [LUISS], Ana Sofia Rodrigues [Portuguese AdC], Greg Crawford [Zurich]

Chair: Oliver Latham [CRA]

10h30-11h00 Best Paper Award (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Kei Kawai [UC Berkeley & Tokyo]

Kei Kawai, Jun Nakabayashi, Juan Ortner, & Sylvain Chassang (2023),
"Using Bid Rotation and Incumbency Patterns to Detect Collusion", *Review of Economic Studies* 90(1), 376-403

Chair: Yossi Spiegel [Tel Aviv]

11h00-11h30 Coffee Break (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

11h30-12h45 Parallel Sessions C

C.1 National Merger (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Italy – Esso/Italiana Petroli

Retail fuel merger

Chair: Benoît Durand [RBB]

Agency: Giovanni Notaro [AGCM]

Consultant: Simone Negro [Oxera] & Salvatore Nava [LEAR]

Academic: Sandro Shelegia [Pompeu Fabra]

C.2 National Merger (Aula Notari)

Belgium – Antwerp Hospitals Merger

Hospital merger

Chair: Raphaël de Coninck [CRA]

Agency: Baptiste Souillard [BCA]

Consultant: Tuomas Haanpää [Copenhagen Econ]

Academic: Andrew Rhodes [Toulouse]

C.3 EC State Aid (Aula Zappa)

EC – Dukovany

State aid

Chair: Kenneth Baltzer [Danish CCA]

Agency: Philipp Dimakopoulos & Chiara Atzeni [DG COMP]

Consultant: Adina Claiici [RBG]

Academic: Natalia Fabra [Carlos III]

12h45-14h05 Lunch (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

14h05-15h05 Keynote Speech: Should Competition Monopolise Merger Policy? (Aula Magna Gobbi)

John Vickers [Oxford]

Chair: Patrick Rey [Toulouse]

15h05-15h35 Coffee Break (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

15h35-16h50 Parallel Sessions D

D.1 National/EC Merger (Aula Magna Gobbi)

UK – Adobe/Figma

Tech merger

Chair: Griet Jans [Belgian CA]

Agency: Russell Whitehouse [CMA] & Dominik Erharder [DG COMP]

Consultant: Emilie Bartels & Oliver Latham [CRA]

Academic: Chiara Fumagalli [Bocconi]

D.2 National Merger (Aula Notari)

Greece – Attica/Anek

Ferry merger

Chair: Alexis Walckiers [E.CA]

Agency: Chrysovalantou Milliou [AUB & HCC] & Angelos Stenimachitis [Compass / for HCC]

Consultant: Ioannis Kokkoris [QMU London]

Academic: Yossi Spiegel [Tel Aviv]

D.3 National regulation (Aula Zappa)

Monopolkommission – Meta/Deutsche Telekom and the „fair share“ debate

Regulation

Chair: Dan Donath [CRA]

Agency: Christian Hildebrandt [Monopolkommission]

Consultant: Linda Gratz [E.CA]

Academic: Markus Reisinger [Frankfurt School]

16h50-17h00 Break

17h00-18h30 Plenary III: Economics in the Antitrust Process (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Carles Esteva Mosso [Latham], Kirsten Edwards-Warren [Compass], Massimo Motta [Pompeu Fabra], Jenny Haydock [CMA]

Chair: Andrea Coscelli [Keystone]

20h00-23h00 Conference Dinner (Foyer of the Aula Magna Roentgen)

20h00 Arrival with drinks and canapés

20h15 Introduction

20h30 Dinner

(with possibility to follow a guided tour of the Bocconi art collection)

CHATHAM HOUSE RULES

To allow a free exchange of ideas, presentations at ACE are subject to Chatham House rules

CONFERENCE VENUE

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

Aula Magna Gobbi, Via Gobbi 5

DINNER VENUE

Bocconi University

Foyer of the Aula Magna Roentgen, Via Guglielmo Röntgen 1

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

[Una hotel Mediterraneo](#), Milan [Uptown Palace](#), Milan

[Grand Hotel Visconti](#), Milan [Hotel dei Cavalieri](#), Milan