

# ACE 2024 PROGRAM

15-16 November 2024

Bocconi University (Milan)

## 15 NOVEMBER 2024 Friday

09h50-10h00 Opening and Welcome (Aula Magna Gobbi)

10h00-12h00 Special Policy Session: Competition Policy in the Digital Age (Aula Magna Gobbi)

Hosted by the Institute for European Policymaking @ Bocconi University (IEP@BU), this pre-conference event will explore the implications of digital transformation on competition policy with prominent experts, including Mario Monti, honorary President of IEP (further speakers to be announced closer to the event)

12h00-12h30 Registration (Lobby outside Aula Magna Gobbi)

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:** Marta Rocha [Portuguese AdC]

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]

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**Agency:** Joanna Piechucka [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]

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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 Komninou [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:** Antje Bärenß-Henke & 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]

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## 16 NOVEMBER 2024 Saturday

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

Francesco Decarolis [Bocconi], Chiara Farronato [Harvard], 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: TBD

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: Elisabetta Iossa [Italian AGCM]

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: Valanta Milliou [Athens U] & Angelos Stenimachitis [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], Mike Walker [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