

12th ACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 2014

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Mannheim Centre for Competition and Innovation (MaCCI), University of Mannheim and ZEW

PROGRAM

Friday December 5th 2014

12.30 – 13.30 Registration and Coffee

13.30 – 13.45 Introduction by Giulio Federico (DG Competition, and President of ACE) and Kai Hüschelrath (Local Organising Committee)

13.45 – 14.45 **Keynote lecture: "Empirical I.O. and Competition Policy"** Chair: Volker Nocke (University of Mannheim)

Speaker: Aviv Nevo (Northwestern University; Former Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Justice)

14.45 – 16.00 Parallel Sessions I

Mobile telephony mergers: Telefonica/E-plus (Brüssel)	Online hotel bookings (Room 1)	Audit Services Market Investigation (Room 2)	
Ana Sofia Rodrigues, Portuguese Competition Authority	Alexis Walckiers, Belgian Competition Authority	Alex Baker, Fingleton Associates	
Benno Buehler, DG Competition	Sara Buccino/Christian Ewald, BKartA	Marie Clark, CMA; Robin Finer, FCA	
Rainer Nitsche/Lars Wiethaus, E.CA	Bojana Ignjatovic, RBB	Caitlin Wilkinson, KPMG	
Tommaso Valletti, Imperial College	Martin Peitz, University of Mannheim	Amelia Fletcher, University of East Anglia	

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.45 Parallel Sessions II

Ineos/Solvay (Brüssel)	State aid in the energy sector (Room 1)	GIS Damages (Room 2)
David Parker, Frontier Economics	David Spector, Paris School of Economics and MAPP	Benoît Durand, RBB
Gabor Koltay, DG Competition	Geza Sapi, DG Competition	James Kavanagh, Oxera
Ian Small, CRA	Lorenzo Coppi, Compass Lexecon	Oliver Latham, CRA
Francesco DeCarolis, Boston University	Felix Hoeffler, University of Cologne	Ulrich Schwalbe, University of Hohenheim

Saturday December 6th 2014

9.30 – 10.45 Parallel Sessions III

Retail Food Sector Inquiry (Brüssel)			Mergers with failing firms: Ultralase/Optimax (UK) and Jysk/ID Design (Denmark) (Room 1)	L'Equipe (Room 2)	
Niels Frank, Lademann Associates		ates	Bruce Lyons, University of East Anglia	Thibaud Vergé, ENSAE	
Christian Ewald/Matthias Freund, BKartA Hans Friederiszick, E.CA Philipp Schmidt-Dengler, University of Vienna			Kate Collyer/Massimo Tognoni, CMA Thomas Rønde, Danish Competition Authority Peter Møllgaard, Copenhagen Business School	Gautier Duflos, Autorité de la concurrence David Sevy/Frederic Palomino, Compass Lexecon Bruno Jullien, University of Toulouse	
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break				
11.15 – 12.45	Panel Discussion: Effects-based analysis of exclusionary pricing practices – back to square one?				
	Chair:	Konrad Stahl, University of Mannheim			
	Panellists:	Kai-Uwe Kühn, U	niversity of Michigan		
		Chiara Fumagalli, Bocconi University			
		Adrian Majumdar, RBB			
	Discussant:	Aviv Nevo, Northwestern University			
12.45 – 13.15	Best Paper Award and Information about ACE				
13.15	Lunch / end of 2014 conference				

Local Organising Committee

Kai Hüschelrath (ZEW, University of Mannheim and MaCCI) Martin Peitz (University of Mannheim, MaCCI and CERRE)

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