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## Summary of Conference Program

### Thursday May 30

08:40 – 09:00: Registration

09:00 – 09:05: Opening address

09:05 – 10:05: *Keynote I: Frank Verboven*

10:05 – 10:20 Refreshments

10:20 – 11:40: Contributed I

11:40 – 12:40: Lunch

12:40 – 14:00: *Invited session I: Article 102*

14:00 – 14:20: Refreshments

14.20 – 15.40: Contributed II

15.40 – 16:00: Refreshments

16:00 - 17:20: *Invited session II: Energy market design*

18:00: Leave for Conference Dinner. For speakers and invited guests

### Friday May 31

08:45 – 10:05: *Invited Session III: Merger Policy*

10:05 – 10:25: Refreshments

10:25 – 11:45: Contributed III + Invited session IV (Labour market)

11:45 – 12:45: Lunch

12:45 – 13:45: *Keynote II: Thibault Schrepel*

13:45 – 14:45: Contributed IV

14:45 – 15:00: Refreshments

15:00 – 16:00: Contributed V

16:00: End of the conference

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**Lars Sjørgard, BECCLE and Department of Economics at NHH**

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09:05 – 10:05:

## Keynote I (Auditorium N)

**Frank Verboven (Department of Economics at *University of Leuven*)**

**“Coordinated entry and competition policy”**

**Chair: Bjørn Olav Johansen, BECCLE and Department of Economics at University of Bergen**

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10:20 – 11:40

## Contributed Session I

<b>Auditorium N</b> <b>Digital Platforms</b> Chair: Garcia	<b>Auditorium P</b> <b>Application of Article 102 TFEU and welfare standard</b> Chair: Heiden
<b>L. Madio (University of Padova)</b> “Design and governance of quality on a digital platform” Discussant: Gieselman	<b>D. Fåhraeus (Uppsala University)</b> “Could AG Kokott’s Opinion in Google Shopping mean the death of the AEC Principle for self-preferencing?” Discussant: Thorson
<b>D. Garcia (University of Vienna)</b> “Search Engine Competition” Discussant: Madio	<b>J. Thorson (University of Bergen and BECCLE)</b> “The interplay between concentrations and abuses of dominance: Investigating the relevance of abuse rules on concentrations” Discussant: Heiden
<b>J. Gieselman (DICE – Duesseldorf Institute for Competition, University of Duesseldorf)</b> “Faking Network Size” Discussant: Garcia	<b>B. Heiden (Haas School of Business, University of Berkeley)</b> “Situating Dynamic Competition: An Evolution Beyond Chicago” Discussant: Fåhraeus

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12:40 – 14:00

**Invited Session I:  
The future of Article 102 (Auditorium N)**

**Chair: Thomas Vinje, Clifford Chance and BECCLE**

**Massimiliano Kadar**  
(Deputy Head of Unit 'Antitrust  
Telecoms', DG COMP)

**Oliver Bethell**  
(director, EMEA competition at  
Google)

**Christian Bergqvist**  
(Associate Professor at the Faculty  
of Law, University of Copenhagen)

14:00 – 14:20: Refreshments

14:20 – 15:40

**Contributed sessions II**

<b>Auditorium N Cartel and Entry</b> Chair: Cambini	<b>Auditorium P Industry Studies 1</b> Chair: Herrera-Araujo
<b>V.S. Abraham (Technological University Dublin)</b> "Recidivism, Shared Liability and Fines" Discussant: Cambini	<b>O. Jara (Toulouse School of Economics)</b> "Distributor Consolidation and Prices: Evidence from the US Energy Drinks Market" Discussant: Herrera-Araujo
<b>S. Engilbertsson (University of Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute)</b> "How the design of price-fixing fines affects cartel behavior" Discussant: Abraham	<b>P. Navarro (Norwegian School of Economics)</b> "Pass-Through with Consumer Heterogeneity and Competition. An Application to Airlines" Discussant: Jara
<b>C. Cambini (Politecnico di Torino)</b> "Entry Deregulation, Firm Turnover and Labour Market Outcomes: Evidence from Italian Local Markets" Discussant: Engilbertsson	<b>D. Herrera-Araujo (Université Paris-Dauphine)</b> "The effects of minimum markup laws in grocery retailing markets" Discussant: Navarro

15:40 – 16:00: Refreshments

16:00 – 17:20

**Invited Session II:  
Market design in power markets (Auditorium N)**

**Chair: Natalia Fabra, Universidad Carlos III and BECCLE**

**Bert Willems**  
(Tilburg University)

**Natalia Fabra**  
Universidad Carlos III

**Matti Liski**  
(Aalto University School of  
Business)

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**Invited Session III:  
Merger policy (Auditorium N)**  
Chair: Tina Sørreide, Norwegian Competition Authority

**Tommaso Valletti**  
(Imperial College London and  
BECCLE)

**Aviv Nevo**  
(FTC and University of Pennsylvania)

**Hans Zenger**  
(European Commission)

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10:25 – 11:45

## Invited Session IV and Contributed sessions III

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<p><b>Auditorium N</b> <b>Invited Session IV:</b> <b>Competition Policy and Labour Markets: Are National Competition Authorities on Point?</b></p> <p><b>Chair: H.H Hansson</b> <b>(Chief Economist, Norwegian Competition Authority)</b></p>	<p><b>Auditorium P</b> <b>Contributed Session III - Competition Law</b> Chair: Henriksson</p>
<p><b>Marta Rocha (Acting Chief Economist, Autoridade da Concorrência, PT)</b></p>	<p><b>O. Andriychuk (Newcastle University Law School)</b> “Comparing the incomparable: Analysing UK Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill through the prism of DMA” Discussant: Henriksson</p>
<p><b>J. Schneebacher (Assistant Director of Econometrics, Competition and Market Authority, UK)</b></p>	<p><b>I. Strauss (Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, UCL)</b> “Amazon’s Algorithmic Rents: The economics of information on Amazon” Discussant: Andriychuk</p>
<p><b>A. LP. Willén (Professor, Norwegian School of Economics)</b></p>	<p><b>L. Henriksson (Center for Business Law, Stockholm School of Economics)</b> “Resale price maintenance – antitrust review of vertical agreements” Discussant: Strauss</p>

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## Keynote II (Auditorium N)

Thibault Schrepel (*Vrije University of Amsterdam*)

**“How technical knowledge can and should inform antitrust analysis”**

Chair: Ronny Gjendemsjø, Faculty of Law at University of Bergen

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## Contributed sessions IV

<b>Auditorium N</b> Theory: Cartels Chair: Harrington	<b>Auditorium P</b> Competition Policy and the Environment Chair: Desrieux
<b>E. R. Moen (Bi Norwegian Business School, CESAR and CEPR)</b> “The Effect of Potential Collusion on Equilibrium” Discussant: Harrington	<b>G. Van Moer (Hanken School of Economics and Helsinki Graduate School of Economics)</b> “Horizontal agreements about the use of a natural resource” Discussant: Desrieux
<b>J. E. Harrington (Department of Business Economics and Public Policy, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)</b> “An Economic Test for an Unlawful Agreement to Adopt a Third-Party’s Pricing Algorithm” Discussant: Moen	<b>C. Desrieux (Université Paris Panthéon-Assas, CRED and CAE)</b> “Environment and competition in public procurement” Discussant: Van Moer

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## Contributed Session V

<b>Auditorium N</b> Lobbying and Subsidies Chair: Dertwinkel-Kalt
<b>M. Broso (Colegio Carlo Alberto and University of Torino)</b> “It Takes Two to Tango: Mergers, Lobbying, and Elections” Discussant: Dertwinkel-Kalt
<b>M. Dertwinkel-Kalt (University of Münster and Max Plack Institute of Research on Collective Goods)</b> “Why the ‘bridge electricity price’ could lead to a subsidy trap and slow down green innovation” Discussant: Broso

16:00: End of the Conference

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