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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 (Labor 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

Thursday May 30th

08:40 – 09:00: Registration

09:00 – 09:05: Opening address

Lars Sjørgard, BECCLE and Department of Economics at NHH

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

10:05 – 10:20: Refreshments

10:20 – 11:40

Contributed Session I

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

11:40 – 12:40: Lunch

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

Auditorium N Cartel and Entry Chair: Rosso	Auditorium P Industry Studies 1 Chair: Herrera-Araujo
V.S. Abraham (Technological University Dublin) "Recidivism, Shared Liability and Fines" Discussant: Rosso	O. Jara (Toulouse School of Economics) "Distributor Consolidation and Prices: Evidence from the US Energy Drinks Market" Discussant: Herrera-Araujo
S. Engilbertsson (University of Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute) "How the design of price-fixing fines affects cartel behavior" Discussant: Abraham	P. Navarro (Norwegian School of Economics) "Pass-Through with Consumer Heterogeneity and Competition. An Application to Airlines" Discussant: Jara
G. Rosso (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto) "Entry Deregulation, Firm Turnover and Labour Market Outcomes: Evidence from Italian Local Markets" Discussant: Engilbertsson	D. Herrera-Araujo (Université Paris-Dauphine) "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)

18:00

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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)

10:05 – 10:25: Refreshments

10:25 – 11:45

Invited Session IV and Contributed sessions III

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

11:45 – 12:45: Lunch

12:45 – 13:45

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

13:45 – 14:45

Contributed sessions IV

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

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15:00 – 16:00

Contributed Session V

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

16:00: End of the Conference
