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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 Sørgaard, 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: Lars Sørgaard, BECCLE and Department of Economics at NHH

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 |
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| B. O. Johansen (University of Bergen and BECCLE) “Design and governance of digital platforms” Discussant: Gieselman CANCELLED DUE TO STRIKE | 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: CANCELLED sen | 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
(Head of Unit - European
Competition Network and Private
Enforcement)

Tommaso Valletti
(Imperial College London and
NHH/BECCLE, replacing Oliver Bethell
on short notice)

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: Cambini | Auditorium P Industry Studies 1 Chair: Herrera-Araujo |
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| V.S. Abraham (Technological University Dublin) “Recidivism, Shared Liability and Fines” Discussant: Cambini | 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 |
| C. Cambini (Politecnico di Torino) “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
(UC Louvain University)

Natalia Fabra
Universidad Carlos III

Matti Liski
(Alto University School of
Business)

18:00

Leave for Conference Dinner. For speakers and invited guests.

Friday May 31st

08:45 – 10:05

**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

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| <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 |
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| 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 More |

14:45 – 15:00: Refreshments

15:00 – 16:00

Contributed Session V

| Auditorium N Lobbying and Subsidies Chair: Dertwinkel-Kalt |
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| 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
