

22nd International Conference on Competition

28 February – 1 March 2024



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Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt, Berlin
from 16:00 Registration

Evening programme

19:00 Reception and buffet dinner, Restaurant "Nolle", Berlin

Thursday, 29 February 2024 – morning

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from 08:00 Registration

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08:50	Opening	Andreas Mundt , President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn
09:00	Speech	Marco Buschmann , Federal Minister of Justice, Berlin
09:20	Speech	Sven Giegold , State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Berlin
09:40	Speech	Margrethe Vestager , Executive Vice-President and European Commissioner for Competition, Brussels
10:00	Q&A	Rikard Jermsten (Moderator), Director General, Swedish Competition Authority, Stockholm
10:10	Speech	Jonathan Kanter , Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
10:30	Speech	Tobias Meyer , Chief Executive Officer, DHL Group, Bonn
10:50	Q&A	Andreas Mundt (Moderator), President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel I: Disrupted times – Steering through the rough sea**

Speech	Arndt G. Kirchhoff , Chairman, Kirchhoff Group Advisory Board and Member of the Presidential Board of the Federation of German Industries (BDI), Iserlohn
Moderator	Martijn Snoep , Chairman, Netherlands Authority for Consumers & Markets, Amsterdam
Panellists	Cani Fernández , President, National Markets and Competition Commission, Madrid Veronika Grimm , Member of the Economic Advisory Council and Chair of Economic Theory, Friedrich-Alexander University, Nuremberg Olivier Guersent , Director-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels
Discussion	<i>Competition law and competition policy have always had to respond to changes. However, the current political climate is marked by multiple crises – the continued disruption of supply chains, inflation, rising demands on green energy and sustainability – occurring all at once and amid a backdrop of geopolitical shifts. This has increased pressure on competition authorities around the globe to come up with solutions to tackle these challenges.</i>

13:00 Lunch

Thursday, 29 February 2024 – afternoon

14:30 – 16:00 Panel II: AI – Blessing or curse?

- Speech* **Sarah Cardell**, Chief Executive, Competition and Markets Authority, London
- Moderator* **Ariel Ezrachi**, Professor of Competition Law, Oxford University, Oxford
- Panellists* **Rima Alaily**, Corporate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Microsoft, Washington, DC
Cristina Caffarra, Economic Expert, CEPR Competition Research Policy Network and University College, London
Tobias Haar, General Counsel, Aleph Alpha GmbH, Heidelberg
Johannes Reck, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, GetYourGuide Tours & Tickets GmbH, Berlin
- Discussion* *AI is the buzzword of the moment. But how will this new technology affect young start-ups and large tech companies? Will we see a reshuffling of the cards or will existing power structures be consolidated? What role is there to be played by competition authorities, or has the die already been cast?*

16:00 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:10 Power Talk I: The Brandeisian ambitions – What's here to last?

- Moderator* **Rupprecht Podszun**, Chair for Civil Law, German and European Competition Law, Director of the Institute for Competition Law, University of Düsseldorf, and President, Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA), Düsseldorf
- Panellists* **William E. Kovacic**, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
David Lawrence, Policy Director, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
Fiona Scott Morton, Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management, New Haven
- Discussion* *The US agencies are pushing hard against corporate growth with major cases and new merger guidelines. At the same time the courts seem reluctant to follow suit, and ambitious efforts to amend US antitrust law in Congress are beginning to fade. With the end of the legislative term approaching, is there reason to worry that the movement could pass without leaving a lasting mark?*

Evening programme

19:00 *Reception and dinner, "Deep", Berlin (Shuttle service)*

Friday, 1 March 2024 – morning

09:00 – 10:30 Panel III: Abuse of dominance – What are we aiming at?

- Moderator* **Tommaso Valletti**, Professor of Economics, Imperial College, London, and Director of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)
- Panellists* **Ingo Brinker**, Partner, GleissLutz, and Chairman, Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht, Munich/Brussels
Benoît Cœuré, President, Autorité de la concurrence, Paris
John Fingleton, Founder and Chair, Fingleton Ltd., London
Wolfgang Kirchhoff, Presiding Judge, Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe
Heike Schweitzer, Chair for Civil Law, German and European Economic and Competition Law and Economics, Humboldt University, Berlin
- Discussion* *Abuse control remains a laborious work, not only with regard to digital markets. Cases have become more and more complex, requiring authorities to develop new theories of harm while respecting high standards of proof and procedural rights. In addition, the question arises as to what we actually want to achieve with abuse control. Obviously, we want to create fairness for market participants, but how do we also achieve more contestability? Is separation of data a viable option or do we even have to go further by splitting up Big Tech companies?*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:15 **Panel IV: Merger Control – Challenges and perspectives**

Moderator **Nuno Cunha Rodrigues**, President, Autoridade da Concorrência, Lisbon

Panellists **Tomaso Duso**, Member of the Monopolies Commission and Professor of Empirical Industrial Economics, German Institute for Economic Research, Technische Universität, Berlin
Nelson Jung, Partner, Clifford Chance, London
Daniela Seeliger, Partner, Linklaters, Düsseldorf
Sir Marcus Smith, President, Competition Appeal Tribunal, London

Discussion *In the past, large companies in the digital sector implemented numerous mergers of which only a small fraction was subject to merger control. Even if an assessment was carried out, the proceedings were in most cases terminated by an unconditional clearance decision. Competition authorities are now striving to catch these transactions and further develop their theories of harm and dealings with conceivable efficiencies. How to balance the need for legal clarity with the goals of effective enforcement? Do we need an updated alignment regarding jurisdiction? It is necessary to amend the substantive examination standard?*

12:15 – 12:45 **Power Talk II: Fast forward – AI-supported investigations as the next level?**

Moderator **Thibault Schrepel**, Associate Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty Affiliate at Stanford University CodeX Center, Amsterdam/Stanford

Panellists **Ioannis Lianos**, Former President, Hellenic Competition Commission, Member, Competition Appeal Tribunal, London
Aik Kor Sia, Chief Executive, Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore, Singapore

Discussion *Cartel prosecution remains at the core of competition authorities' responsibilities but needs to be continuously refined. What potential do Artificial Intelligence and Supervisory Technologies have for improving antitrust enforcement? Can new detection tools compensate for a decline in leniency applications? How will competition authorities be staffed in the future? What are today's challenges, and where are we headed?*

12:45 *Closing* **Andreas Mundt**, President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn

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