DYNAMIC COMPETITION IN DYNAMIC MARKETS: A PATH FORWARD

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PROGRAM + SPEAKERS’ BIOS
Program
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8:30 am - 9:00 am  REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 am - 9:15 am  INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
   Marianela LÓPEZ-GALDOS, Global Competition Counsel, CCIA

9:15 am - 10:30 am  MERGERS IN THE DIGITAL SPACE: IMPACT ON INNOVATION
   Adina CLAIĆI, Director, Copenhagen Economics
   Aleksandra BOUTIN, Founding Partner, Positive Competition
   Pedro GONZAGA, Competition Expert, Competition Division, OECD
   Robert KLOTZ, Partner, Antitrust & Competition, Sheppard Mullin
   Moderator: Ben VAN ROMPUY, Assistant Professor of Competition Law, Europa Institute, Leiden Law School

10:30 am - 10:45 am  COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am - 12:00 pm  BIG DATA: UNDERSTANDING AND ANALYZING ITS COMPETITIVE EFFECTS
   Thomas KRAMLER, Head of Unit, e-Commerce & Data Economy, DG Comp, European Commission
   Justus HAUCAP, Director, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics
   Bill BATCHELOR, Partner, Antitrust/Competition, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Fion
   Alexander ITALIANER, Senior International Policy Advisor, Arnold & Porter
   Moderator: Marianela LÓPEZ-GALDOS, Global Competition Counsel, CCIA
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH...**

Sir Christopher **BELLAMY QC**, Chairman of the Global Competition Practice, Linklaters

Jacques **STEENBERGEN**, President, Belgian Competition Authority

William **KOVACIC**, Director, The GWU Competition Law Center

**Moderator:** Lewis **CROFTS**, Editor-In-Chief, Mlex

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm  **LUNCH**

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  **REGULATION OR COMPETITION IN THE DIGITAL SPACE: WHAT’S BEST FOR CONSUMERS?**

Rene **AUGUSTINE**, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, International and Policy, US DOJ

Jonathan **BAKER**, Research Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University

Georgios **MAVROS**, Public Policy & Government Relations EMEA, Google

Samuel **LAURINKARI**, Head of EU Affairs, eBay

Nicholas **BANASEVIC**, Head of Unit, IT, Internet & Consumer Electronics, DG Comp, European Commission

**Moderator:** Assimakis **KOMNINOS**, Partner, White & Case

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  **COFFEE BREAK**

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm  **ONGOING CONSULTATIONS**

Maria **COPPOLA**, Counsel for International Antitrust, US FTC

Joaquín **LÓPEZ VÁLLES**, Director, Department for the Promotion of Competition, CNMC

Henri **PIFFAUT**, Vice President, French Competition Authority

Will **HAYTER**, Senior Director for Policy, Advocacy & International, CMA

**Moderator:** Jacques **STEENBERGEN**, President, Belgian Competition Authority

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
Speakers' Bios
Rene AUGUSTINE

Rene Augustine is Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International and Policy for the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Previously, at the Antitrust Division, she was Senior Associate Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the Front Office, where she handled the media and entertainment as well as the policy portfolios.

Augustine has served in all three branches of government and in the private sector. Prior to coming to the Justice Department, she was Special Assistant to the President and Senior Associate Counsel to the President. She also served as Associate Counsel to the President in the George W. Bush Administration. Previously, Augustine was Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where she was responsible for Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition issues. Augustine clerked for Judge John Hargrove of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. In the private sector, Augustine was an associate with a major law firm and was an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University Law School. Augustine earned her bachelor’s degree from Duke University and her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School, where she was Articles Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review, served on the Vanderbilt Moot Court Board and graduated Order of the Coif.

Jonathan B. Baker

Jonathan B. Baker is Research Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law. He specializes in the areas of antitrust and economic regulation and has published widely in the fields of antitrust law, policy, and economics. Among other acknowledgements, he has received the Federal Trade Commission’s Award for Distinguished Service and the Jerry S. Cohen Award for Antitrust Scholarship.

Professor Baker served as the Chief Economist of the Federal Communications Commission from 2009 to 2011, and as the Director of the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission from 1995 to 1998. Previously, he worked as a Senior Economist at the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Economics in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, Assistant Professor at Dartmouth’s Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, and Attorney Advisor to the Acting Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, in addition to his private practice in antitrust.

Baker holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University and a JD from Harvard University. He is the author of The Antitrust Paradigm, the co-author of widely-used antitrust casebook, a past Editorial Chair of Antitrust Law Journal, and a former member of the Council of the American Bar Association’s Section of Antitrust Law.
Nicholas BANASEVIC

Nick Banasevic is Head of Unit in the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission responsible for antitrust cases in the field of IT, the internet and consumer electronics. He is Case Manager of the European Commission's various Google investigations and was inter alia Case Manager of the Commission's Qualcomm, Motorola, Samsung, Intel and Rambus investigations. He previously worked in the same Unit as a Case Officer where he worked on the European Commission's Microsoft case. He has also been a Case Manager for merger cases in DG Competition, where he was responsible for managing cases in the fields of financial services and pharmaceuticals, and was inter alia the Case Manager for the Deutsche Börse/NYSE Euronext case.

Bill BATCHELOR

Mr. Batchelor regularly represents clients on EU and global merger control matters and litigation, and provides counsel on distribution and collaboration agreements in complex and highly regulated industries, such as health care, financial services, insurance, media and entertainment, and gambling, among others.

Mr. Batchelor has spent time working in Brussels, London and Washington, D.C., as well as at EU and U.K. competition authorities. He has been recognized as a leader in his field in publications such as Chambers Europe, IFLR1000 and The Legal 500.
Aleksandra Boutin is a Founding Partner of Positive Competition. She is featured in the Who’s Who Legal of Competition Economists, listing the world’s leading competition professionals. She has fifteen years of experience in competition policy as an enforcer, consultant and academic. Prior to Positive Competition, Aleksandra was an economist and policy officer at DG Competition, as well as an Expert at Compass Lexecon.

Sir Christopher BELLAMY QC

Sir Christopher is a Queen’s Counsel and Chairman of the Linklaters global competition group. He is considered to be one of the most influential competition lawyers in Europe and specializes in high level strategic advice involving competition, regulatory or EU issues. For many years a practicing barrister, when he regularly acted for the UK Government, he was a judge of what is now the EU General Court from 1992 to 1999 and President of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal from 2000 to 2007, before joining Linklaters. He brings to the practice a unique strategic perspective and tremendous experience. He holds a GCR Life-time Achievement Award.
Adina CLAICI

Dr Adina Claici is an expert in competition economics and joined the competition service of Copenhagen Economics in 2017 as director of the Brussels office. With more than nine years’ experience as a senior member of the Chief Economist Team at DG Competition at the European Commission, Adina has a unique insight into the most recent competition policy developments at EU level and in-depth experience in mergers, antitrust and state aid cases, as well as policy projects. As a follow up to several competition cases, including mergers and state aid, she supported the Commission in front of the European General Court. During the past three years at DG Comp, as a coordinator of the European Competition Network of Chief Economists, Adina gathered valuable insight on the work of the National Competition Authorities. She has also significant experience in the interaction between competition policy and regulation across many sectors. Adina is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars and is often published in peer-reviewed academic journals. She is currently also a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges and at Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. Adina has a PhD in economics from Autonoma University of Barcelona.

Maria COPPOLA

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Pedro GONZAGA

Pedro Gonzaga is a Competition Expert at the OECD Competition Division in Paris. In his current position he has been actively collaborating with the OECD Competition Committee in the analysis of competition law enforcement and market regulation, with a particular focus on the digital economy. In addition, Mr. Gonzaga has developed economic modelling, data analysis and literature reviews for several OECD projects that aimed at evaluating the benefits of competition policy, empowering countries with best-practices in competition law enforcement and assessing the competitive impact of market regulations. He has worked on topical antitrust areas, such as merger control in dynamic markets, vertical mergers, vertical restraints in e-commerce, algorithmic collusion and personalised pricing, as well as on traditional areas where competition typically plays a fundamental role, including consumer protection, public procurement and sectorial regulation of ports.

Prior to joining the OECD in 2015, Mr. Gonzaga was a Post-Doctoral researcher with grant at University of Porto, Portugal, where he was involved in the analysis of pro-competitive policies to promote the process of innovation. He also developed theoretical and empirical research on collusion, which has been presented at several international conferences at universities of economics and law, competition research centres and competition authorities. He participated in a few consultancy projects in the financial sector and was a tutoring professor of industrial economics, microeconomics and game theory. Mr. Gonzaga has a PhD in Economics from University of Porto and has been awarded with several prizes and distinctions.
Justus HAUCAP

Professor Dr Justus Haucap, born in 1969 in Quakenbrück (Germany), is the director of the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE) at Heinrich-Heine-University of Düsseldorf. Between 2006 and 2014 he served as a member of the German Monopolies Commission, which he also chaired for four years (2008-2012). Professor Haucap is a member of both the German Academy of Technical Sciences (acatech) and the Northrhine-Westfalian Academy of Sciences and Arts. After studying economics in Saarbrücken and Ann Arbor (Michigan, USA) and pursuing graduate doctoral studies at the University of Saarland Professor Haucap took positions at the University of California (Berkeley, USA), the New Zealand Treasury in Wellington (New Zealand) and the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg. Before he took his current position at the Heinrich-Heine-University of Düsseldorf (where he is since 08/2009). Haucap held positions at the Ruhr-University of Bochum (2003-2007) and the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (2007-2009). Professor Haucap chairs the working group on competition policy of the German Economic Association, he is a member of the scientific advisory board of the Federal Network Agency and several other boards. His main research areas are competition economics and regulation of infrastructure-based markets such as telecommunications, electricity and transport.

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Will Hayter is Senior Director, Policy, Advocacy and International at the CMA. He is responsible for the CMA’s policy across its various enforcement and markets functions, as well as cross-cutting topics such as digital markets, CMA proposals for reforming the competition and consumer framework, Brexit policy, and relations with the CMA’s counterparts overseas. He previously led CMA market studies on statutory audit and digital comparison tools. Before that he was the first Director of the UK Regulators Network and a project director at Ofcom, having started his career in strategy consulting.
Robert KLOTZ

Robert Klotz is a partner in the Antitrust & Competition Practice Group of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP. He is admitted to the Hamburg Bar as well as to the Brussels (Bar E-List). Based in Brussels for nearly 25 years, Robert advises on EU and German competition and regulatory law and represents numerous clients before the European Commission and national authorities, with a particular focus on regulated network industries. Previously he served for almost a decade as an official of the European Commission in DG Competition where he gained experience in the same field. He teaches EU competition law at the Universities of Berlin, Bonn and Saarbrücken and is a frequent speaker/panel chair at international conferences. He is co-editor and co-author of a standard EU competition law treatise, as well as managing editor of the European Competition and Regulatory Law Review (CoRe).

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Dr. Alexander Italianer, former Secretary-General and Director-General for Competition of the European Commission, provides strategic insight to clients on a range of global and European Union business issues including competition, international trade, foreign investment and regulatory affairs.

Dr. Italianer spent more than 30 years at the European Commission eventually rising to the position of Secretary-General under President Juncker. As Secretary-General, he provided policy advice on a wide range of issues to the President and his Vice-Presidents, organized the coordination of economic policies among EU Member States, promoted improved regulation, devised the structure for Brexit preparedness, and supervised preparations for the multiannual financial framework proposals through 2027. From 2010-2015, Dr. Italianer served as Director-General for Competition, handling key antitrust, merger, and state aid cases across all critical economic sectors.

During his distinguished career at the Commission, Dr. Italianer played a role in some of the most significant Commission initiatives, including negotiation of the Maastricht Treaty, the introduction of the euro, and was involved in relations with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
Assimakis KOMNINOS

Makis Komninos is a Partner at the Brussels office of White & Case LLP. He has acted or been part of the defence team in a number of landmark cases before the European Courts, such as Microsoft, Google (Shopping), Google (Android), GlaxoSmithKline, Greek lignites and Chalkor and has represented clients before the European Commission, national competition authorities, national courts and arbitration tribunals. He has also been involved in complex Phase II merger clearance cases in the airline, energy and telecoms sectors. Makis was a Commissioner and Member of the Board of the Hellenic Competition Commission (HCC) between 2009 and 2011.

He is currently a visiting fellow of the Centre for Law and Governance in Europe at University College London (UCL) and a member of the Executive Committee of the Global Competition Law Centre (GCLC) at the College of Europe. He holds a summa cum laude law degree from the University of Athens, an LL.M. from the University of Cambridge (Trinity College), an LL.M. from New York University, and a Ph.D. from the European University Institute. He is a member of the Brussels (E-list) and Athens Bars (Supreme Court). Makis is also a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network (ICN).

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William E. Kovacic is Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy at George Washington University Law School, Professor of Law and Director of the Competition Law Center.

Since August 2013, Professor Kovacic has served as a Non-Executive Director with the United Kingdom’s Competition and Markets Authority. From January 2009 to September 2011, he was Vice-Chair for Outreach for the International Competition Network.

Bill’s papers and articles feature antitrust in the high technology industry, behavioral economics and its applications, competition agency design, integrity in public procurement, and on organizations such as the International Competition Network, World Trade Organization, and FTC. He has advised many countries and international organizations on antitrust, consumer protection, government contracts, and the design of regulatory institutions.

Prior to 1999, Professor Kovacic was the George Mason University Foundation Professor at the George Mason University School of Law (now the Antonin Scalia Law School). He has also served as Commissioner and Chairman of the US FTC, among other appointments, and in 2011 received the FTC’s Miles W. Kirkpatrick Award for Lifetime Achievement. He is co-editor of the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement, and has published numerous papers on competition law and economics in leading journals both in the US and Europe.
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Prior to joining eBay, Samuel worked in government relations for LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton and as a consultant for FTI Consulting.

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He is also member of the Bureau of the OECD Competition Committee, member of the board of editors of the Dutch-Belgian European law review SEW, member of the scientific committee of the law review Concurrences, member of the Board of the Stichting van het Koninklijk Conservatorium of Brussels (the foundation of the royal academy for music of Brussels), and honorary member of the Bar of Brussels (Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten bij de Balie te Brussel). He is a former member of the Brussels and Flemish Bar Councils.

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Before joining the Europa Institute in August 2016, Ben was a senior researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague (2012-2016), where he headed the ASSER International Sports Law Centre. As a recipient of a Francqui Foundation Fellowship of the B.A.E.F., he started his postdoctoral career at the Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for International Economic Law (2011). During this time, he also served as a consultant in international antitrust for the US Federal Trade Commission. He previously was a visiting scholar at New York University (2009).

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