

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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09:00	<i>Opening</i>	Andreas Mundt , President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn
09:20	<i>Speech</i>	Marco Buschmann , Federal Minister of Justice, Berlin
09:40	<i>Speech</i>	Sven Giegold , State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Berlin
10:00	<i>Speech</i>	Margrethe Vestager , Executive Vice-President and European Commissioner for Competition, Brussels
10:20	<i>Q&A</i>	Andreas Mundt (Moderator), President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn*
10:30	<i>Speech</i>	Tobias Meyer , Chief Executive Officer, DHL Group, Bonn
10:50	<i>Q&A</i>	Andreas Mundt (Moderator), President, Bundeskartellamt, Bonn
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11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

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 *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.*

13:00 *Lunch*

Thursday, 29 February 2024 – afternoon

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

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, Expert, Keystone Strategy, London
Sarah Cardell, Chief Executive, Competition and Markets Authority, 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 – 17:00 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 **Jonathan Kanter**, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
William E. Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

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, Competition Lawyers' Association (Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht), Munich/Brussels
Benoît Cœuré, President, Autorité de la concurrence, Paris
John Fingleton, Founder and Chair, Fingleton Ltd., London
Ravneet Kaur, Chair, Competition Commission of India, New Delhi
Wolfgang Kirchhoff, Chairman, Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe

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 **Alexandre Cordeiro**, President, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brasília
Nelson Jung, Partner, Clifford Chance, London
Deirdre Trapp, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London
Doris Tshepe, Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa, Pretoria

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 **Aik Kor Sia**, Chief Executive, Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore, Singapore
Ioannis Lianos, President, Hellenic Competition Commission, Athens

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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Participation is by personal invitation only.

Registrations will be processed in the order of receipt.

The number of conference participants will be limited.

We recommend that you register *as early as possible* at

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