

Economic arguments and evidence play an increasingly central role in competition policy in Europe. CRA's conference programme focuses on key developments in the use of economics and economic tools. Distinguished speakers – economists, senior regulators and lawyers – will debate several important topics, including:

- When and how to evaluate effects
- Unilateral conduct: The debate continues
- Due process in antitrust
- State aid after the financial crisis
- Joining consumer and competition policies
- Vertical restraints review: Economics vs the guidelines?
- Cartel fines, deterrence and ability to pay: Getting the balance right
- Merger control: A new transatlantic convergence?

Who should attend and why?

Who: Lawyers, regulators and other specialists working in competition and antitrust law.

Why: To hear senior regulators, economists and lawyers explore the role of economics in legal and regulatory proceedings; to expand your understanding of the role of economics in competition policy; and to exchange your thoughts and experiences with conference speakers and other competition practitioners.

General information

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2009
Time: 8am – 5pm
Venue: Conrad Hotel
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Registration: There is no registration fee for this conference. To register, please e-mail your details to vgoddard@crai.com by Wednesday 25 November.

Language: All conference sessions and materials will be in English.

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Speakers

- **Philip Lowe**, Director General, DG Competition
- **Damien Neven**, Chief Economist, DG Competition
- **John Fingleton**, Chief Executive, UK Office of Fair Trading
- **Joe Farrell**, Director, Bureau of Economics, FTC
- **Nadia Calviño**, Deputy Director General for Mergers and Antitrust, DG Competition
- **Justus Haucap**, Chair, Monopolkommission and Professor of Economics, Düsseldorf Institute of Competition Economics
- **Anne Perrot**, Vice-Présidente, Autorité de la concurrence
- **Olivier Guersent**, Director of Cartels, DG Competition
- **Melanie Aitken**, Commissioner of Competition, Canada
- **David Lewis**, former Chair, South African Competition Tribunal and ICN Steering Committee
- **Judge Nicholas Forwood QC**, Court of First Instance
- **Joseph Harrington**, Professor of Economics, Johns Hopkins University
- **Steven Salop**, Professor of Economics & Law, Georgetown University Law Center and Senior Consultant, CRA
- **Massimo Motta**, Professor of Economics, ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- **Mathias Dewatripont**, Professor of Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- **Thibaud Vergé**, Research Fellow at CREST (Center for Research in Economics and Statistics) and Senior Consultant, CRA
- **Pierre Régibeau**, Professor of Economics, University of Essex
- **Maarten Pieter Schinkel**, Professor of Economics, University of Amsterdam and Senior Consultant, CRA

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Conference Programme

8.00–9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00–9.30 **When and how to evaluate effects**

Damien Neven

Chief Economist, DG Competition

9.30–10.15 **Unilateral conduct: The debate continues**

Chair: Giulio Federico, CRA

Steven Salop

Georgetown University Law Center

Pierre Régibeau

University of Essex

Comments:

Damien Neven

10.15–11.15 **Due process in antitrust**

Chair: Cristina Caffarra, CRA

Philip Lowe

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Comments:

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11.15–11.45 Coffee break

11.45–12.15 **Joining consumer and competition policies**

John Fingleton

Chief Executive, UK Office of Fair Trading

12.15–1.00 **State aid after the financial crisis**

Chair: Lorenzo Coppi, CRA

Mathias Dewatripont

Université Libre de Bruxelles

Justus Haucap

Chair, Monopolkommission

1.00–2.00 Lunch

2.00–3.00 **Merger control: A new transatlantic convergence?**

Chair: Matthias Pflanz, CRA

Nadia Calviño

Deputy Director General for Mergers and Antitrust, DG Competition

Joe Farrell

Director, Bureau of Economics, FTC

Melanie Aitken

Commissioner of Competition, Canada

3.00–3.45 **Vertical restraints review: Economics vs the guidelines?**

Chair and comments:

Thibaud Vergé

CREST, Paris

Anne Perrot

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Massimo Motta

ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra

3.45–4.00 Coffee break

4.00–5.00 **Cartel fines, deterrence and ability to pay: Getting the balance right**

Chair: Mike Walker, CRA

Olivier Guersent

Director of Cartels, DG Competition

Joseph Harrington

Johns Hopkins University

Comments:

Maarten Pieter Schinkel

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5.00 End of conference