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*Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics*

## **CALL FOR PAPERS – SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE JCLE**

The Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics (ACLE) at the University of Amsterdam organizes its second annual Competition & Regulation meeting on

### **Forensic Economics in Competition Law Enforcement**

Friday, 17 March 2006  
University of Amsterdam  
Oudemanhuispoort 4-6  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### **Keynote Speakers**

John M. Connor (Purdue University)  
Franklin M. Fisher (MIT)  
Andrew I. Gavil (Howard University School of Law)  
Julian Joshua (Howrey LLP)

Competition law enforcement is increasingly making use of sophisticated forensic methods derived from economic theory. The full process, from detection to the gathering of evidence and its presentation in court, involves ever more professional investigation techniques and academic economic expertise. Both competition authorities and defendants rely increasingly on extensive analyses of market data, as well as expert opinions in the reconstruction of aspects of cases. Also, in private antitrust litigation, damages are established on the basis of sophisticated economic techniques. As a result of this, courts have gradually come to develop proper rules of engagement, which in turn put constraints to the use of economics. In these developments, the US leads due to its long antitrust tradition, which in part is a matter of criminal law. Yet in recent years the EU and its Member States have studied and adopted several US practices, applying ever more sophisticated economic analysis in their decisions.

The ACLE invites scholars and practitioners to discuss the proper role of forensic methods in competition policy. At this 2nd ACLE Competition & Regulation meeting, three distinguished US speakers will introduce merits and limitations of forensic methods in competition law enforcement. John Connor teaches a short-course on forensic economics at Purdue University. He will introduce the topic. Andrew I. Gavil recently concluded on the role of economics in establishing the content of US antitrust at the latest Fordham conference. He will provide a legal perspective on how lawyers and courts receive economic evidence. Franklin Fisher is a veteran expert witness in antitrust courts around the world. He will provide insight into how to contribute as an economic expert witness to competition cases. The plenary debate on the extent to which lessons from US experience with advanced forensic methods can inform EU competition law enforcement is introduced by Julian Joshua, as former Deputy Head of the European Commission's Cartel Unit versed in our continental economic investigation techniques. He will comment on possible improvements to present EU methods, as well as limitations to the application of US practices in Europe.

The workshop will be a full-day event with our three key-note speakers and (parallel) contributed paper sessions. ACLE will provide lunch and refreshments.

## Call for Papers

International scholars and practitioners in the field of competition law, economics and competition policy are invited to submit their work (in progress) on the workshop topic to be considered for inclusion in the (parallel) contributed paper sessions. Although we encourage submission of all related work, please appreciate the specific topic of this workshop. In particular, we seek original contributions by scholars in law and/or economics on specialized subtopics, in particular: detection, using market data to screen many industries and target markets for closer inspection, investigatory powers of competition authorities and rights of defence, 'dawnraids', confidentiality, specific methods of investigation in relation to complex discoverability laws, the role of economic expert witnesses, economic evidence in relation to standards of proof in competition law cases, and econometric techniques to determine the effects (including damages) of anticompetitive conduct.

### Special Issue of the *Journal of Competition Law and Economics*

The *Journal of Competition Law & Economics* (Oxford University Press) has reserved the topic of the workshop, *Forensic Economics in Competition Law Enforcement*, for a special journal issue. The issue will include the best efforts of the workshop. The normal international academic refereeing process will apply.

For more information on the JCLE, see <http://jcle.oxfordjournals.org>

### Submission Procedure

Submissions for inclusion in the program (full papers or abstracts) can be sent – with electronic and regular corresponding author address information – either by email to:

[ACLE@uva.nl](mailto:ACLE@uva.nl)

or in two-fold hard-copy, plus an included PDF on floppy or CD-ROM to:

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The deadline for submission is 1 February 2006. Decisions on acceptance into the workshop program will be communicated by 15 February 2006. Decisions on the special issue of the JCLE are independent and will be taken at a later date.

The scientific program committee, which consists of John Connor, Kati Cseres, Franklin Fisher, Andrew I. Gavil, Julian Joshua, Maarten Pieter Schinkel (chair) and Floris Vogelaar will produce a full day program based on the response to this call.

The ACLE website, [www.acle.nl](http://www.acle.nl), will be updated regularly with specific information on the workshop, such as the preliminary program, registration, fees, and suggestions for accommodation in Amsterdam.