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Information, Communication and Competition

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University of Amsterdam
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Oudemanhuispoort 4
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Program

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| 8.30 - 9.00 | Registration with coffee |
| 9.00 - 9.15 | Maarten Pieter Schinkel (University of Amsterdam and ACLE), Welcome address |
| 9.15 - 10.00 | Philip Collins (OFT), "Information Sharing and Competitive Markets: Black, White and Various Shades of Grey" |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | <i>Coffee and tea</i> |
| 10.30 - 12.30 | Parallel sessions I |
| 12.30 - 14.00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Gary Charness (University of California, Santa Barbara), "(Anti-)Trust and Communication" |
| 14.45 - 16.45 | Parallel sessions II |
| 16.45 - 17.15 | <i>Coffee and tea</i> |
| 17.15 - 18.00 | Kai-Uwe Kühn (University of Michigan), "Rediscovering the Smoke Filled Room: Communication, Social Context, and the Limits of Collusion Theory" |
| 18.00 - | Drinks and dinner |

Conference Program – Parallel Sessions 1¹

Cartels

Chair: *Jo Seldeslachts*

Iwan Bos (Maastricht University), Ronald Peeters (Maastricht University and Erik Pot (Maastricht University), *Competition versus Collusion: The Impact of Consumer Inertia*

Cristina Camacho (Bureau for International Relations of the Portuguese Competition Authority) and Jorge Rodrigues (Bureau for Economic Studies of the Portuguese Competition Authority), *Information Sharing and the Use of Economic Evidence in Cartel Cases*

Martijn Han (University of Amsterdam) and Charles Angelucci (Toulouse School of Economics), *Monitoring Managers through Compliance Programs*

Tomaso Duso (Humboldt University and Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)), Lars-Hendrik Röller (European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) and Humboldt University) and **Jo Seldeslachts** (University of Amsterdam), *Research Networks as a Collusive Tool: An Empirical Assessment*

Case Studies

Chair: *John Kwoka*

Caterina Giannetti (GSBC Jena, University of Siena, ECRI), **Nicola Jentzsch** (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) Berlin), Giancarlo Spagnolo (Tor Vergata University, SITE Stockholm, EIEF), *Information Sharing and Cross-border Entry in European Banking*

Ali Aouragh, Michiel Bijlsma, Pierre Koning and **Victoria Shestalova** (CPB - Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis), *Competition, Transparency and Quality of Hospital Care: Analysis of the Dutch Hospital Sector*

Elizabeth Hooper (Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia), Paul Twomey (University of New South Wales) and David Newbery (University of Cambridge), *Transparency and Confidentiality in Competitive Electricity Markets*

John Kwoka (Northeastern University) and Vladena Sabodash (Northeastern University), *Information Revelation and Bidding Behavior in Electricity Auction Markets*

Innovation

Chair: *Jens Prüfer*

Gavin Clarkson (University of Houston) and **Marshall Van Alstyne** (Boston University and MIT), *The Social Efficiency of Fairness*

Patricija Kotnik (University of Ljubljana) and **Mitja Kovač** (University of Ljubljana), *Entrepreneurship and the EU Competition Law Deterrence Paradox*

Jens Prüfer (Tilburg University), *Semi-Public Competitions*

¹ The names in bold type are the presenting authors.

Conference Program – Parallel Sessions II

Information Sharing

Chair: *Patrick J.G. van Cayseele*

Claas Hendrik Fuegemann (WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management), *Horizontal Mergers, Uncertainty, Risk Aversion and Information Sharing in Cournot Competition*

Nicola Jentzsch (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin), **Geza Sapi** (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) Berlin) and Irina Suleymanova (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW)), *Customer Data Acquisition and Sharing Among Rivals*

Juan José Ganuza (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), and **Jos Jansen** (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods), *Too Much Information Sharing? Welfare Effects of Sharing Acquired Cost Information*

Patrick J.G. van Cayseele (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) and Peter D. Camesasca (Howrey, Brussels), *Information Exchange in Cartelized Industries: Bananas and Beyond*

Experimental Findings

Chair: *Maria Bigoni*

Cédric Argenton (Tilburg University) and Wieland Müller (Tilburg University), *Collusion in Experimental Bertrand Duopolies with Convex Costs: the Role of Information and Cost Asymmetry*

Miguel A. Fonseca (University of London) and **Hans-Theo Normann** (Goethe-University Frankfurt), *When Will They Talk? Tacit Collusion vs. Overt Cartelisation in Laboratory Experiments*

Jeroen Hinloopen (University of Amsterdam) and **Sander Onderstal** (University of Amsterdam), *Going Once, Going Twice, Reported! Cartel Activity and the Effectiveness of Leniency Programs in Experimental Auctions*

Maria Bigoni (University of Bologna), Sven-Olof Fridolfsson (IfN), Chloé Le Coq (Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE)), and Giancarlo Spagnolo (Tor Vergata University, SITE Stockholm, and CEPR), *Trust, Salience, and Deterrence: Evidence From an Antitrust Experiment*

Policy Implications

Chair: *Peter Møllgaard*

Catherine Corbett (Competition Commission of South Africa), **Reena das Nair** (Competition Commission of South Africa), Sunel Grimbeek (Competition Commission of South Africa), and Liberty Mncube (Competition Commission of South Africa), *The importance of information exchange in dampening competition in industries historically characterised by regulation – issues from South Africa*

Sonia Józwiak (Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection), *Information sharing in the case law of the President of the Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection*

Saïd Souam (Université Paris 13 (CEPN) and CREST-LEI) and **Arnold Vialfont** (Université Paris 2 (ERMES) and CREST-LEI), *Partial Commitments in Antitrust*

Svend Albæk (DG Competition, European Commission), **Peter Møllgaard** (Copenhagen Business School) and Per Baltzer Overgaard, (Aarhus University), *Transparency and Coordinated Effects in European Merger Control*