The Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics (ACLE) organizes its sixth annual Competition & Regulation Meeting on the topic of

**Information, Communication and Competition**

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University of Amsterdam
Faculty of Law
Oudemanhuispoort 4
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**Program**

8.30 - 9.00  Registration with coffee

9.00 - 9.15  Maarten Pieter Schinkel (University of Amsterdam and ACLE), Welcome address


10.00 - 10.30  *Coffee and tea*

10.30 - 12.30  Parallel sessions I

12.30 - 14.00  *Lunch*

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  *Coffee and tea*

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

**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 Vlada 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*

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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 Hinfloopen (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 Grinbeek (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 Jóźwiak (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*