

## UCL – White & Case Brussels Autumn Competition Law Conference Where academia meets practice, imagination meets experience!

Wednesday 7 November 2018

The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38 – 1000 Brussels

### Agenda

- 09:00           **Registration**
- 09.30           **Welcome address**  
Ioannis Lianos, UCL | Mark Powell, White & Case

#### Article 102: Extending the scope of the concept of abuse to pursue a more “populist” agenda? Focus on exclusionary abuses and excessive pricing

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- Sir Nicholas Forwood, White & Case**  
Chair
- 09.45           **Competitive advantage and equality of opportunities: the creeping domination of two extraneous concepts in Article 102 cases**  
Assimakis Komninos, White & Case
- 10.05           **Exclusionary practices post-Intel and new theories of harm**  
Miguel de la Mano, Compass Lexecon
- 10.25           **Excessive pricing in pharmaceutical markets – The UK episodes**  
Bojana Ignatovic, RBB
- 10.45           **“Polémiques”**  
Ioannis Lianos, UCL Faculty of Laws | Eric Gippini-Fournier, European Commission, Legal Service
- 11.05           **Q&A session**
- 11.20 – 11.40   **Coffee break**

#### Merger enforcement: Implications for the data-driven economy/innovation theories of harm

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- Mark Powell, White & Case**  
Chair
- 11.40           **The Commission’s merger enforcement policy in the wake of the challenges of the modern economy**  
Tommaso Valletti, Chief Economist, DG Competition
- 12.00           **Big data and merger control**  
Aleksandra Boutin, Positive Competition
- 12.20           **Innovation theories of harm**  
Pierre Régibeau, CRA
- 12.40           **“Polémiques”**  
Cristina Caffarra, CRA | Pablo Ibáñez Colomo, London School of Economics
- 13.00           **Q&A session**
- 13.15 – 14.30   **Lunch**

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### The role of the State, competition law & regulation in the era of State capitalism

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**Jacquelyn MacLennan, White & Case**

Chair

14.30 **The Role of the State: Policy maker or business actor? The application of the Market Economy Operator Principle (MEOP)**

Kai Struckmann, White & Case

14.50 **Brexit and State aid**

Bruce Lyons, UEA

15.10 **Protectionism and competition law: A global perspective**

Frederic Jenny, ESSEC & OECD Competition Committee

15.30 **“Polémiques”**

Damien Gerard, European Commission | Deni Mantzari, UCL Faculty of Laws

15.50 **Q&A session**

16.00 – 16:20 **Coffee break**

### Competition law in 2028: A free discussion

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**Sir Philip Lowe, Oxera**

Chair

16.20 **Competition law in a complex economy**

Ioannis Lianos, UCL Faculty of Laws

16.40 **“Polémiques” roundtable**

*8’ each & open discussion*

Cristina Caffarra, CRA

Benoit Durand, RBB

Anne-Lise Sibony, Université catholique de Louvain

Jacques Steenbergen, Belgian Competition Authority

17.50 **Q&A session**

18.20 **Conference ends**

More information and registration details can be found [here](#).