

# THIRD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON COMPETITION AND REGULATION

4-5 July 2008  
"Hotel Plaza Resort", Anavyssos, Greece

## "Competition Policy: Procedures, Institutions, IPRs"

*CRÉSSE Conference Policy Lecture:*  
*Prof. William Kovacic (FTC Chairman, USA)*

*J-J Laffont Lecture: Prof. Richard Schmalensee (MIT)*

### Preliminary Conference Programme

#### Day 1 Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

08:30	<b>Registration</b>
08:50	Welcome Speech – Yannis Katsoulacos, Athens University of Economics & Business (AUEB)
09:00-11:00	<b>Session 1</b> - Yannis Katsoulacos, Athens University of Economics & Business (AUEB)
09:00	Georg von Graevenitz, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich School of Management, Stefan Wagner & Dietmar Harhoff "How Cost, Complexity and Technological Opportunity affect the Rate of Patenting."
09:40	Dirk Czarnitzki, K.U.Leuven, Dept. of Managerial Economics, Strategy and Innovation and ZEW Mannheim & Federico Etro, University of Milan, Bicocca, Department of Economics & Kornelius Kraft, Technical University of Dortmund, Dept. of Economics and ZEW Mannheim "Who Does Invest in R&D? Theory and Evidence."
10:20	Vincenzo Denicolo, University of Bologna-Italy & Luigi Alberto Franzoni, University of Bologna-Italy "On the winner-take-all principle in innovation races."
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15-13:30	<b>Parallel Sessions (Sessions 2 &amp; 3)</b>
11:15-13:30	<b>Session 2</b> – Chair: Andreea Cosnita, EconomiX, CNRS-Université de Paris X-Nanterre
11:15	Andreea Cosnita & Jean-Philippe Tropeano, Université de Grenoble-Pierre Mendès-France "Do Remedies Affect the Efficiency Defence? An Optimal Merger Control Analysis."

- 12:00 Lars Sørsgard, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and Norwegian Competition Authority  
“Optimal merger policy.”
- 12:45 Liberty Mncube, Competition Commission of South Africa, Policy & Research Division  
“What are the implications of the ‘post-Chicago synthesis’ for competition policy in South Africa?”
- 11:15-13:30 **Session 3** – Chair: Cecile Aubert, Universite Bordeaux IV and Researcher at GREThA (Bordeaux) and TSE-LERNA (Toulouse)
- 11:15 Stephen Davies, ESRC Centre for Competition Policy and School of Economics, University of East Anglia & Matthew Olczak, ESRC Centre for Competition Policy and School of Economics, University of East Anglia together with Heather Coles  
“Tacit Collusion, Firm Asymmetries and Numbers: Evidence from EC Merger Cases.”
- 12:00 Chris Walters, UK Office of Fair Trading  
“Approximating diversion ratios for retail chain mergers.”
- 12:45 Ioannis Kokkoris, UK Office of Fair Trading and City University  
“A Critical Assessment of the Substantive Reform of the ECMR Using Event Studies.”
- 13:30-15:00 **Lunch Break**
- 15:00-17:15 **Session 4** - Chair: Patrick Rey, University of Toulouse, Director of IDEI
- 15:00 **J-J Laffont Lecture by Prof. Richard Schmalensee (MIT)**  
“Standard-Setting, Competition, and Innovation.”
- 15:45 David Encaoua, Paris School of Economics, Centre Economie Sorbonne, University Paris I & Yassine Lefouili, Paris School of Economics and Universite Paris-I Pantheon Sorbonne, Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne  
“Licensing Uncertain Patents.”
- 16:30 Damien Geradin (Tilburg University and Howrey LLP), Anne Layne-Farrar (LECG) and A. Jorge Padilla (LECG)  
“Elves or Trolls? The Role of Non-Practicing Patent Owners in the Innovation Economy.”
- 17:15-17:30 **Coffee Break**
- 17:30-18:45 **Session 5 - Round Table** - Chair: David Ulph, Professor of Economics, University of St. Andrews
- 17:30 **Round Table jointly organized by CRESSE & INTERTIC**  
“Competition Policy and IPRs.”  
*Presentation by Federico Etro, University of Milan, Bicocca, Department of Economics*  
Participants:  
*M. Bennett, D. Geradin, V. Korah, I. Lianos, R. Schmalensee*
- 18:45 **END OF THE FIRST DAY**

## Day 2 Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

9:00-11:15 **Parallel Sessions (Sessions 6 & 7)**

9:00-11:15 **Session 6** - Chair: Chris Walters, Assistant Director of Mergers, UK Office of Fair Trading

09:00 Andreea Cosnita, EconomiX, CNRS-Université de Paris X-Nanterre & Bertrand Chopard, Nancy University & Thomas Cortade, University of Metz

“Settlement in Merger Cases: Remedies and Litigation.”

09:45 Yassine Lefouili, Paris School of Economics and Université Paris-I Pantheon Sorbonne, Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne & Catherine Roux, Département d’Econometrie et d’Economie Politique, Ecole des HEC

“Leniency Programs for Multimarket Firms: The Effect of Amnesty Plus on Cartel Formation.”

10:30 Arnold Vialfont, Université de Paris 2 (ERMES) and CREST-LEI, Philippe Choné, CREST-LEI and Saïd Souam, Université de Paris Nord (CEPN) and CREST-LEI

“The Commitments Procedure vs Trial in Antitrust.”

9:00-11:15 **Session 7** - Chair: Ioannis Lianos, University College London

09:00 Carmine Guerriero, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge

“The Political Economy of Incentive Regulation: Theory and Evidence from US States.”

09:45 Cecile Aubert, University of Bordeaux (GREThA) and Toulouse School of Economics (LERNA)

“Managers’ effort incentives and market collusion.”

10:30 Frode Steen, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and CEPR & Øystein Foros, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration

“Gasoline prices jump up on Mondays: An outcome of aggressive competition?”

11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:45 **Session 8** - Chair: Dimitris Tzouganatos, Professor of Law at the University of Athens

11:30 Frederic Jenny, ESSEC Business School (Paris), Judge at the Supreme Court of France (Cour de Cassation)

“Judicial review of competition authorities’ decisions in Europe.”

12:15 Sylvain Bourjade (Toulouse Business School), Patrick Rey (Toulouse School of Economics) and Paul Seabright

“Private antitrust enforcement in the presence of pre-trial bargaining.”

13:00 Yannis Katsoulacos (Athens University of Economics and Business) & David Ulph (University of St. Andrews)

“On Optimal Legal Standards for Competition Policy - A General Analysis.”

13:45-15:00 **Lunch Break**

15:00-17:15 **Session 9** - Chair: Yannis Katsoulacos, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)

15:00 **CRESSE Conference Policy Lecture by Prof. William Kovacic (Chairman of FTC, USA)**

**“Rating the Competition Agencies: What Is Good Performance?”**

15:45 Christian Ahlborn (Partner at Linklaters), David S. Evans (LECG Europe and UCL) and A. Jorge Padilla (LECG)

“Unilateral Practices, Antitrust Rules, and Judicial review.”

16:30 Frank Verboven, Catholic University of Leuven and C.E.P.R. (London) & Theon van Dijk

“Cartel damages claims and the passing-on defense.”

17:15-17:30 **Coffee Break**

17:30-19:00 **Session 10 - Round Table** - Chair: Patrick Rey, Professor of Economics at University Toulouse I, Director of IDEI

17:30 **Round Table: “Competition Policy: Institutions and Procedures.”**

Participants:

*F. Jenny, A. Komninos, W. Kovacic, P. Mehta, A. J. Padilla*

19:00 **END OF CONFERENCE**

20:30 **Departure by bus for “La Peche” Restaurant**

(58, Poseidonos Av., Asteras Glyfadas)

21:15 **Conference Dinner** (Only by Invitation)

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