

PROGRAM

May 30:

Morning session

Open to competition agencies only

Case studies: Abuse in digital markets

Academic lead: Lars Sjørgard

Digital markets may exhibit certain characteristics that cause a single firm or a small number of firms to dominate the entire market. The session will discuss how competition agencies have investigated abuse allegations in these markets.

Afternoon session

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Case studies: Digital mergers

Academic lead: Thibaud Vergé

Investigating mergers in digital markets means having to deal with many issues from a new perspective, such as market definition, theories of harm, and potential competition.

Evening reception at Schøtstuene

Location:

University of Bergen Faculty of Law
Magnus Lagabøtes plass 1
5010 Bergen

May 31:

Morning session

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Case studies: Information exchange

Academic lead: Joe Harrington

The session will discuss information exchanges which facilitate anticompetitive coordinated conduct but which may not rise to the level of a hard core price-fixing or market-sharing agreement.

Afternoon session

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Discussion: Buyer-side market power.

Academic lead: Nancy Rose

Like sellers, buyers may exploit their market power which could lead to distorted market outcomes. This session will focus on buy-side market power and also touch on competition in labor markets.

Afternoon session

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Discussion: Coordinated effects in mergers

Academic lead: Nathan Miller

The session will focus on the role of coordinated effects in merger review. Topics include a discussion of the theory of how mergers may have coordinated effects, as well as some cases in which coordinated effects were a concern.