

# ICN CHIEF ECONOMIST WORKSHOP 2023

 BERGEN, NORWAY

## PROGRAM, MAY 30

TIME	TITLE	TOPIC	Speakers/Discussants
9:30-10:00	Welcome remarks		
10:00-13:00  (open to competition agencies only)	<b>Abuse in Digital Markets</b>  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.	Antonio Buttà, Chief Economist, Italian Competition Authority  Payal Malik, Head of Economics Division, Competition Commission of India  Khalirendwe Ranenyeni, Principal Economist, Competition Commission South Africa
14:00-17:00  (open to competition agencies only)	<b>Digital Mergers</b>  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.	Julie Bon, Deputy Chief Economic Adviser, Competition and Markets Authority (United Kingdom)  Ted Rosenbaum, Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Trade Commission (USA)  Anna-Lena Wassmuth, Case Handler, Federal Cartel Office (Germany).

The program will be followed by an evening reception 18:00.

### Location of day program:

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

### Location of evening reception:

Schøtstuene  
Øvregaten 50  
5003 Bergen

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TIME	TITLE	TOPIC	Speakers/Discussants
09:00-12:00 (open to competition agencies only)	<b>Information Exchanges</b>  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.	Tan Hi Lin, Senior Director (Policy and Markets), Competition and Consumer Commission (Singapore)  Arvid Fredenberg, Chief Economist, Swedish Competition Authority  Roar Gjelsvik, Senior Economic Adviser, Norwegian Competition Authority
13:00-14:30 (open to competition agencies, NGAs, and BECCLE participants)	<b>Buyer-Side Market Power</b>  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.	Richard May, Competition Expert, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development  Markus von Wartburg, Chief Economist, Canadian Competition Bureau  Şebnem Gavin, Senior Economist, Canadian Competition Bureau
15:00-16:30 (open to competition agencies, NGAs, and BECCLE participants)	<b>Coordinated Effects in Mergers</b>  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.	Guilherme Mendes Resende, Chief Economist, Administrative Council for Economic Defense (Brazil)  Adano Wario Roba, Acting Director General, Competition Authority of Kenya  Mark Chicu, Acting Assistant Chief, Department of Justice, Antitrust Division (USA)