

XLVI Competition Law Scholars Forum Workshop (CLaSF)

Digital Markets, AI, and the Future of Competition Law

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Roma Tre University Law School
Via Ostiense 163 – Sala del Consiglio

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PROGRAMME

09:00–09:15 Registration

09:15–9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Welcome address: **Barbara Annicchiarico** (Roma Tre University)

Introduction: **Barry J. Rodger** (CLaSF, University of Strathclyde) and **Margherita Colangelo** (Roma Tre University)

9:30–11:30 Digital Markets and Regulation, including DMA

Chair: Francisco Marcos, IE Law School

Manuel Abarca	<i>Diego Portales University</i>	Digital Nascent Markets
Lazar Radic	<i>IE University</i>	From Market Oversight to Market Ordering: The DMA and the New Political Economy of Competition
Matteo Ortino	<i>University of Verona</i>	Simplifying Without Reducing: The Meta Judgment and the Regulation of Complex Digital Systems
Alexandru Sotropa	<i>Vrije Universiteit</i>	Reshaping enforcement in the Digital world: Increasing the collaboration between authorities
Dimitrij Nastevski	<i>Central European Academy – University of Miskolc</i>	Competition Law and Digital Markets in the Western Balkans: Regulatory and Enforcement Challenges
Blen Beka	<i>University of Milan</i>	The Institutional Resilience of the DMA in the Age of Geopolitical Retaliation
Dionysios Pelekis	<i>Utrecht University</i>	Foundation Models and/as Essential Facilities

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50–13:15 Algorithmic Pricing & AI

Chair: Marilena Filippelli, Sapienza University Faculty of Law

Manuel Contreras	<i>Universidad Carlos III (Madrid)</i>	Algorithm pricing collusion under EU competition law: “known knowns”, “known unknowns” and “unknown unknowns”
Miroslava Marinova	<i>University of East London</i>	From Exploitative Abuse to Regulation: Algorithmic Personalized Pricing in AI-Driven Markets

Andrea Pascale	<i>Trainee Lawyer, Cintioli Associati</i>	Collusion Without Consent: Rethinking Antitrust Liability for Autonomous Pricing Algorithms
Arianna Andreangeli	<i>University of Edinburgh</i>	Markets, AI and algorithm-driven anti-competitive practices: Is the law always “certain” and the consequences for its infringement always “predictable”?
Behrang Kianzad	<i>Malmö University</i>	Unfair Algorithmic Pricing and Corrective Fairness – Re-reading United Brands for AI-Driven Markets

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:15 AI and Competition

Chair: Margherita Colangelo, Roma Tre University Law School

Wilson Seraine da Silva Neto	<i>Universidade do Lisboa</i>	Big techs and digital ecosystems: tying generative AI systems as an abuse of dominant position
Christophe Carugati	<i>Digital Competition</i>	Are Competition Rules Suited for Agentic AI?
Klaus Wiedemann	<i>Max Planck Institute for Innovation & Competition</i>	Agentic AI and Consumer Autonomy

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45–16:55 Digital Mergers

Chair: Angus MacCulloch, Lancaster Law School

Max Van Iersel	<i>Tilburg University</i>	The Concentration Concept & the Limits of Interpretation: Reverse Acqui-hires & Centaur Investments under Article 3 EUMR
Carla-Elena Sava	<i>University of Oxford</i>	A Merger Control Assessment of Big Tech's Acqui-Hires through Carl Shapiro's Principles
Francesca De Luca	<i>University of Teramo</i>	Powering the AI stack: Hardware Mergers under EU Competition Law
Richard Bunworth	<i>Trinity College Dublin</i>	Merger Control and Digital Markets in the UK – A Case of Mixed Messaging?

16:55–17:30 Advanced Issues

Chair: Barry J. Rodger, University of Strathclyde

Liana Japaridze	<i>University of Glasgow</i>	Competition Law as an Enabler for Effective Operation of Regulatory Sandboxes in the Fintech Sector – Case Studies from Singapore, Brazil and the UK
Camilla Signoretta	<i>European University Institute (EUI)</i>	Towards an Integrated Fair Remuneration Standard Between EU Competition Policy, Digital Markets Regulation and Copyright Law in the Age of AI

17:30 Closing Remarks

20:00 Speakers' Dinner