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ELEA SYMPOSIUM

COMPETITION LAW IN
THE DIGITAL AGE

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WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S EVENT!

The ELEA Symposium, taking place at the end of the academic year, is an ELEA tradition.

It aims to hold a substantial debate on several currently discussed topics in the competition law and policy field.

Come and participate in this year's discussion on the future of competition law in the digital era!



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Welcome

Opening Speech

11H

PANEL 1: Data-driven economy, algorithms and machine learning.

Speakers:

Pascale **DÉCHAMPS** – Partner **OXERA**

Anita **NYESO** – Competition Expert **OECD**

12H15

Lunch Break

13H

PANEL 2: New challenges in the media and information sector.

Speaker:

Sally **BROUGHTON MICOVA** – Professor
University of East Anglia

14H15

Coffee Break

14H45

PANEL 3: Competition between internet platforms.

Speakers:

Alexandre **DE STREEL** – Professor U. Namur,
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Michele **PIERGIOVANNI** – Head of Unit C5
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16H

Closing Speech by Professor Phedon **NICOLAIDES**

Conclusion of the Symposium and Reception

DISCUSSION TOPICS

PANEL 1: Data-driven economy, algorithms and machine learning.

- Algorithms and their role as facilitators of tacit collusion: how problematic are they?
- What is the scope for antitrust liability absent human intervention?

PANEL 2: New challenges in the media and information sector.

- Should pluralism concerns be included in merger control in view of the concentration in the media sector?
- Should internet platforms themselves be asked to promote local content and non-majoritarian content? What could be done to avoid disinformation, as well as content/filter bubbles?

PANEL 3: Competition between internet platforms.

- Internet platforms and accumulation of private data: what role for competition law enforcement? The Facebook case.
- Amazon's effect on the retail market. Any concerns under article 102?

ORGANIZATION

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The Economic Department teaches an incisive analysis of the important economic and business issues of Europe to ensure the development of its students' practical, debating and empirical statistical skills.

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The ELEA option highlights the interaction and interdependence between the European Economic Studies and European Legal Studies departments in the areas of competition and market regulation. It is composed of students from both fields who aim to cooperate to analyze law and policy-making in the EU.

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