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13:00 Registration & snacks *WU Vienna, Club room (building LC), Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna*

13:30 Workshop introduction Vicky Robertson (WU Vienna & CLH)

(1) State of Play in the DMA

Chair: Jens-Uwe Franck (University of Mannheim)

13:40 Regulating Digital Gatekeepers in the EU: The Relationship Between the DMA and National Laws

Alessia D'Amico (University of Utrecht)

14:00 Risks and Opportunities of Regulatory Dialogue as a Preferred Modality of the EU and UK Digital Markets Regimes: Recent Examples

Oles Andriychuk (University of Exeter)

14:20 Economics by Design: Sequencing Expertise in the Digital Markets Act

Marco Botta (European University Institute)

- 14:40 **Comments & discussion**
Filomena Chirico (European Commission)
Vanessa Turner (O'Melveny & Myers)

15:30 Coffee

Book Talk

Chair: Martin Gassler (Saxinger)

- 16:00 Vicky Robertson (WU Vienna & CLH): **Democratic Antitrust for Digital Markets** (Hart Publishing 2026)
- 16:20 **Comments & discussion**
Greg Day (University of Georgia)
Martyna Derszniak (Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection)

(2) Foreign Direct Investment and Merger Control

Chair: Judith Feldner (E+H)

- 17:20 **A Qualitative Case Analysis of European Commission Merger Decisions Involving Chinese Acquirers**
Caroline Buts & Na Wang (Free University Brussels)
- 17:40 **The New FDI Screening Regulation: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**
Lena Hornkohl (University of Vienna)
- 18:00 **Interplay between FDI and Merger Control**
Ioannis Kokkoris (Queen Mary University London)
- 18:20 **Comments & discussion**
Antonio Capobianco (OECD)
Alexandra Leoni (Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism)

19:05 Group photo

19:15 Dinner

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(3) Innovation – Competition – Law

Chair: Astrid Ablasser-Neuhuber (bpv Hängel)

- 09:00 **The Direction of Innovation in IP and Competition Law**
Wolfgang Kerber (University of Bonn)
- 09:20 **Ecosystems and Competition Policy**
Pierre Larouche (University of Montréal)
- 09:40 **Navigating the Legal Frontiers of Algorithmic Conduct: AI, Ancillary Restraints and the Constitutional Challenge of the Reverse Onus**
Jennifer Quaid (University of Ottawa)
- 10:00 **Comments & discussion**
Emanuela Arezzo (University of Teramo)
Laura Zoboli (IE Law School)

10:50 Coffee

(4) Antitrust Sanctions: Criminalisation, Damages, Fines

Chair: Heinrich Kühnert (DORDA)

- 11:20 **Setting Antitrust Fines: How to Strike a Balance Between Deterrence and Transparency**
Axel Reidlinger (Reidlinger Schatzmann Jergitsch)
- 11:40 **On the Interlinked Nature of Pass-On and Volume Effect and Its Neglect in Case Law**
Franziska Weber (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 12:00 **Parental Liability in Competition Law: Searching for an Appropriate Model**
Peter Whelan (University of Leeds)
- 12:20 **Comments & discussion**
Martina Groß (Austrian Federal Competition Authority)
Georg Kodek (Austrian Supreme Court & WU Vienna)

13:10 Closing Vicky Robertson (WU Vienna & CLH)

13:15 Light lunch