



DICE

Düsseldorf Institute for
Competition Economics

DICE-Newsletter 1/2013

April 2013

Headlines

- **DICE now member of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE)**
- **Follow DICE on Twitter @DICEHHU**
- **DICE hosted meeting of the Competition Policy Committee of the German Economic Association**
- **DICE hosted the annual meeting of the Economic Policy Committee of the German Economic Association**
- **Forum for Corporate Law held in Düsseldorf**
- **DFG funds research project on Market Power in Vertically Related Industries**
- **DICE researchers at hearings at the German Bundestag and the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia**
- **Hans-Theo Normann, member of the Executive Committee of the EARIE**
- **Daniel Coublucq presents his research to the Czech Economic Society and gives lecture on demand estimation to Czech Competition Authority**
- **Irina Suleymanova, new Junior Professor for Network and Information Economics**
- **Hans Christian Müller finishes Ph.D**
- **Jürgen Rösch, visiting scholar at Queensland University of Technology**
- **Tomaso Duso now Head of the Department Innovation, Manufacturing, and Service at DIW Berlin**
- **Ralf Dewenter, new Professor for Industrial Economics at Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg**

Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE)

www.dice.hhu.de
info@dice.hhu.de

Building 24.31 ("oeconomicum")
Heinrich-Heine-University
Universitätsstr. 1
D-40225 Düsseldorf
Germany

Press office:
[+49-\(0\)211-81-15009](tel:+49-0211-81-15009)
[+49-\(0\)211-81-15125](tel:+49-0211-81-15125)

- **Torben Stühmeier, new Junior Professor for Industrial Economics at University of Münster**
- **Vanessa von Schlippenbach, Visiting Professor at Humboldt University Berlin**
- **Dragan Jovanovic, new Post-doctoral Researcher at the University of Frankfurt, Chair of Finance and Economics**
- **Research seminar: Agenda for summer term 2013**
- **Job opening: Schumpeter Postdoctoral Fellowship in Competition and Industrial Economics**
- **New publications**
- **New Discussion Papers**

DICE now member of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE)

DICE has become a member of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), an independent scientific organization concerned with the regulation of network industries. DICE will benefit from closer links with Europe's leading universities, regulators, and companies operating in network industries.

CERRE pursues three main objectives (see CERRE website):

- *Promoting robustness and consistency in regulation processes and systems in Europe.*
This involves developing norms, standards, and policy recommendations related to the regulation of service provision and infrastructure management and to the specification of optimal market rules;
- *Clarifying the respective roles of market operators, governments, and regulatory authorities.*
This objective includes the enhancement of all players' expertise in regulation, which is a necessary condition to achieve quality, mature and reliable regulation;
- *Recommending and disseminating top quality regulation practices.*
These should be recognized internationally while being adapted to local policy and institutional environments.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CRRE).

Follow DICE on Twitter @DICEHHU

Since April 2013, DICE has joined the Twitter community.

Follow us via @DICEHHU!

Click [here](#) for our Twitter website.

DICE hosted meeting of the Competition Policy Committee of the German Economic Association

From 11–12 March 2013, DICE hosted the meeting of the Competition Policy Committee of the German Economic Association. The 40 members of the working group met to discuss “Competition Problems in Grocery Retailing.”

The Competition Policy Committee aims at analyzing and discussing both basic and current problems in the theory of competition policy and at publishing its results in conference proceedings.

The speakers were:

- *Klaus Müller (Consumer Advice Centre of North Rhine-Westphalia)*
Transparenz und Durchsetzung von Verbraucherrechten im Lebensmittelbereich rund um das Portal www.lebensmittelklarheit.de
- *Birgit Krueger (German Federal Cartel Office)*
Schwerpunkte der Kartellrechtsanwendung im Lebensmitteleinzelhandel
- *Stefan Genth (German Retail Federation)*
Wettbewerb im Handel
- *Olaf Koch (Metro Group)*
Wettbewerb und Effizienz im Lebensmitteleinzelhandel
- *Prof. Hendrik Schröder (University of Duisburg-Essen)*
Die Abgrenzung von Märkten im Lebensmittelhandel
- *Andreas Gayk (The German Brands Association)*
Hersteller und Handel im Wettbewerb
- *Prof. Justus Haucap (DICE)*
Wettbewerb im Lebensmitteleinzelhandel

DICE hosted the annual meeting of the Economic Policy Committee of the German Economic Association

The annual meeting of the Competition Policy Committee of the German Economic Association was hosted by DICE on 12–14 March 2013. The meeting was jointly organized by Prof. Heinz-Dieter Smeets and Prof. Justus Haucap and was entitled “Europe at the Crossroads.”

Click [here](#) for the list of speakers (in German).

Forum for Corporate Law held in Düsseldorf

On 4 February 2013, the Forum for Corporate Law took place at the Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf under the heading “Exchange of Information Among Companies.”

The speakers were:

- *Romina Polley (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Cologne)*
with a critical evaluation of current decisions of the German Federal Cartel Office (Bundeskartellamt);

- *Andreas Möhlenkamp (Andres Schneider Rechtsanwälte & Insolvenzverwalter, Düsseldorf)*
with a discussion of the ambivalent effects of information exchanges among companies and their practical importance:
- *Prof. Ralf Dewenter (DICE)*
with a survey on the economic perspective of information exchanges among companies.

DFG funds research project on Market Power in Vertically Related Industries

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) will continue its funding of the research project on "Market Power in Vertically Related Industries" for another three years with a budget of around €400,000. The project is lead by Prof. Christian Wey, Prof. Hans-Theo Normann, and Claire Chambolle, National Institute of Research in Agronomics (INRA-ALISS). The binational research project also receives €300,000 funding from the French National Research Agency (ANR).

Starting in 2008, the research project has been focusing on markets for intermediate goods, in particular upstream markets in retailing, where both buyers and suppliers possess some degree of market power. The project analyzes the mutual dependencies between the concentration in retailing and the efficiency of markets for intermediate goods, where transactions result from bilateral bargaining. Its key aim is to analyze the bargaining power of retailers, the effects of economic dependency of producers, and the effect of private labels on competition.

DICE researchers at hearings at the German Bundestag and the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia

On 25 October 2012, Michael Coenen, Managing Director of DICE, was invited to present a statement in an official hearing of the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia on the "Gesetz zur Förderung des Mittelstandes in Nordrhein-Westfalen (Mittelstandsförderungsgesetz)." Coenen stressed the importance of competition for fostering the development of SMEs and the regional markets that SME typically address. Regional markets also need to be fully opened for private competition which requires an unreserved primacy of SMEs vis-à-vis SOEs and regional competition authorities, which are as independent as their national or European counterparts.

Click [here](#) for further information on Michael Coenen's hearing (in German).

Prof. Ralf Dewenter acted as an expert witness at the hearing of the Legal Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag on intellectual property rights (Leistungsschutzrecht für Presseverleger) on 30 January 2013.

His opinion is available [here](#) (in German).

On 20 February 2013, Veit Böckers, doctoral researcher at DICE, was invited to an official hearing of the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia on "Mit mehr Marktwirtschaft die Energiewende aktiv gestalten – Verantwortung für den Energie und Industriestandort Nordrhein Westfalen übernehmen". In his hearing, Böckers addressed the problem of conflicting energy policy actions and discussed possible adjustments to the current regulatory support scheme for electricity generation based on renewable energy resources.

Click [here](#) for further information on Veit Böcker's hearing (in German).

Hans-Theo Normann, member of the Executive Committee of the EARIE

Prof. Hans-Theo Normann is now a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE).

Click [here](#) for further information on the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE).

Click [here](#) for Prof. Normann's personal website.

Daniel Coublucq presents his research to the Czech Economic Society and gives lecture on demand estimation to Czech Competition Authority

On 12 March 2013, Daniel Coublucq, Schumpeter Scholar at DICE, was invited by the Department of Economics of the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, to present his research to the Czech Economic Society on the static-dynamic efficiency tradeoff and its application to the US railroad industry. His talk covered an empirical framework for analyzing the tension between static efficiency (pricing behavior) and dynamic efficiency (investment behavior) and how this framework can be applied to the US railroad industry to measure the potential welfare effects of an open-access policy.

Furthermore, on 15 March, Daniel Coublucq gave a lecture to the Czech Competition Authority on demand estimation and merger simulations. His lecture covered various topics in quantitative techniques applied to competition policy, with a focus on demand estimation and merger simulations.

Click [here](#) for Daniel Coublucq's personal website.

Irina Suleymanova, new Junior Professor for Network and Information Economics

On 15 February 2013, Irina Suleymanova was appointed Junior Professor for Network and Information Economics at DICE.

Irina Suleymanova obtained her Ph.D in Economics from Humboldt University Berlin. Since September 2010, Irina Suleymanova has been a post-doctoral researcher at DICE. Her research focuses on Industrial Economics, Network Economics, Information Economics, and Competition Policy.

Click [here](#) for Irina Suleymanova's personal website.

Hans Christian Müller finishes Ph.D

On 26 March 2013, Hans Christian Müller, doctoral candidate at DICE and member of DICE's research group on empirical competition analysis, defended his Ph.D. In his dissertation entitled "Studies on Competition and Behavioral Economics," Müller empirically analyzed how the design of the competitive environment affects competition outcomes in contests and consumer markets and how its existence changes the behavior of firms and governments.

Hans Christian Müller is the first member of the research group on empirical competition analysis to finish his Ph.D. Partly funded by North Rhine-Westphalia's Ministry for Innovation, Science, and Research, the research group analyzes current competition problems in various network industries (e.g., electricity, mobile telecommunications) and grocery retailing, and evaluates economic policy measures. Hans Christian Müller now works as a journalist for Handelsblatt, Germany's most important business newspaper.

The members of the empirical research group are (left to right):

- [Veit Böckers](#) (doctoral researcher)
- [Johannes Muck](#) (doctoral researcher)
- [Ulrich Heimeshoff](#) (post-doctoral researcher and head of the research group)
- [Andrea Müller](#) (doctoral researcher)
- [Lars Zeigermann](#) (doctoral researcher)
- [Anna Lu](#) (doctoral researcher)
- Anne-Kathrin Barth (doctoral researcher, not in photo)



Jürgen Rösch, visiting scholar at Queensland University of Technology

From March to May 2013, Jürgen Rösch, doctoral researcher at DICE, is a visiting scholar at Queensland University of Technology, Australia. Following an invitation by Prof. Uwe Dulleck, Jürgen Rösch will join the team at the School of Economics and Finance.

Click [here](#) for Jürgen Rösch's personal website.

Click [here](#) for further information on the School of Economics and Finance at Queensland University of Technology.

Tomaso Duso now Head of the Department Innovation, Manufacturing, and Service at DIW Berlin

On 1 April 2013, Prof. Tomaso Duso took on the position of Head of the Department Innovation, Manufacturing, and Service at the Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) Berlin.

Thanks to a cooperation agreement between the DIW Berlin and the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, Tomaso Duso will remain a Professor for Empirical Industrial Economics at DICE.

Click [here](#) for Prof. Duso's website at the DIW Berlin.

Ralf Dewenter, new Professor for Industrial Economics at Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg

As of 1 July 2013, Prof. Ralf Dewenter will be a Professor for Industrial Economics at the Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg. In Hamburg, he will continue his research on empirical competition analysis and media and network economics.

Click [here](#) for Prof. Dewenter's personal website

Torben Stühmeier, new Junior Professor for Industrial Economics at University of Münster

On 1 April 2013, Torben Stühmeier, a post-doctoral researcher at DICE, was appointed Junior Professor for Industrial Economics at the University of Münster. In Münster, Stühmeier will be a member of the Center of Applied Economic Research (CAWM).

Torben Stühmeier obtained his Ph.D in Economics from DICE. For his thesis on media and telecommunications economics he was awarded the faculty's best dissertation prize in 2011.

Click [here](#) for further information on the Center of Applied Economic Research.

Vanessa von Schlippenbach, Visiting Professor at Humboldt University Berlin

During the summer term 2013, Vanessa von Schlippenbach, post-doctoral researcher at DICE, will be a Visiting Professor for Industrial Economics at the Chair of Prof. Georg von Weizsäcker at the Humboldt University Berlin.

Vanessa von Schlippenbach holds a Ph.D in Economics from the TU Berlin. Since September 2010, von Schlippenbach has been a post-doctoral researcher at DICE. Her research focuses on industrial organization, vertical relations, and agricultural economics.

Click [here](#) for Vanessa von Schlippenbach's personal website.

Dragan Jovanovic, new Post-doctoral Researcher at the University of Frankfurt, Chair of Finance and Economics

Since 1 April 2013, Dragan Jovanovic, post-doctoral researcher DICE, has been a post-doctoral researcher at the Chair of Finance and Economics of Prof. Roman Inderst at the University of Frankfurt.

Dragan Jovanovic obtained his Ph.D in Economics at DICE in November 2012.

Research seminar: Agenda for summer term 2013

During the summer term 2013, the DICE Research Seminar will take place on Tuesdays from 16:15 to 17:45 in room S2 in the oeconomicum. All guests are most welcome.

The confirmed speakers are:

- 2 April: Thomas Jeitschko, Michigan State University
- 9 April: Frank Miram, Peter Abegg und Markus Ksoll, Deutsche Bahn AG (14:00 – 16:00)
- 16 April: Melanie Lührmann, Royal Holloway College
- 23 April: Constantine Manasakis, University of Crete
- 30 April: Jan Krämer, KIT Karlsruhe
- 7 May: Raffaele Fiocco, Humboldt-University of Berlin
- 14 May: Deszö Szalay, University of Bonn
- 21 May: Tore Nilssen, University of Oslo
- 28 May: Catherine Waddams, University of East Anglia
- 4 June: Thomas Kittsteiner, RWTH Aachen
- 11 June: George Deltas, University of Illinois
- 25 June: Felix Höffler, EWI, University of Cologne
- 2 July: t.b.a.
- 9 July: t.b.a.
- 16 July: Dennis Gärtner, University of Bonn

Job opening: Schumpeter Postdoctoral Fellowship in Competition and Industrial Economics

DICE is offering a Schumpeter Postdoctoral Fellowship in Competition and Industrial Economics. The tax-free fellowship of €27,000 per year will be awarded for two years beginning October 2013 to an outstanding candidate conducting innovative research in the area of competition and industrial economics. The selected candidate will focus on her/his research projects and will not have any teaching obligations but can be involved in teaching at all levels either in English or German if desired.

All applicants should submit a CV, one representative publication/paper, and two letters of reference in electronic form to Prof. Justus Haucap, (haucap@dice.hhu.de). Deadline for application is 15 May 2013.

Click [here](#) for the complete job advertisement.

New Publications

Published:

- [Access Regulation with Asymmetric Termination Costs.](#)
Torben Stühmeier
Journal of Regulatory Economics, 43 (2013), pp. 60–89.
- [Unionization Structures in International Oligopoly.](#)
Beatrice Pagel & Christian Wey
Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, 27 (2013), pp. 1–17.
- [The Impact of Timing on Bidding Behavior in Procurement Auctions of Contracts with Private Costs.](#)
Dakshina G. De Silva, Georgia Kosmopoulou, Beatrice Pagel & Ronald Peeters
Review of Industrial Organization, 42 (2013), pp. 321–343.
- [Consumer Choice and Local Network Effects in Mobile Telecommunications in Turkey.](#)
Justus Haucap, Mehmet Karacuka & A. Nazif Çatık
Telecommunications Policy, 37 (2013), 334–344.
- [Piracy in a Two-sided Software Market.](#)
Alexander Rasch & Tobias Wenzel
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 88 (2013), 78–89.
- [Targeted Pricing and Customer Data Sharing among Rivals.](#)
Nicola Jentzsch, Geza Sapi & Irina Suleymanova
International Journal of Industrial Organization, 31 (2013), 131–144.
- [Explicit vs. Tacit Collusion – The Impact of Communication in Oligopoly Experiments.](#)
Miguel A. Fonseca & Hans-Theo Normann
European Economic Review, 56 (2012), 1759–1772.

- [Technology Adoption in Markets with Network Effects: Theory and Experimental Evidence.](#)
Claudia Keser, Irina Suleymanova & Christian Wey
Information Economics and Policy, 24 (2012), 262–276.
- [Signaling in Deterministic and Stochastic Settings.](#)
Thomas D. Jeitschko & Hans-Theo Normann
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 82 (2012), 39–55.

Forthcoming:

- [Private Protection against Crime When Property Value is Private Information.](#)
Florian Baumann & Tim Friehe
Forthcoming in: International Review of Law and Economics.
- [Cheap Talk about the Detection Probability.](#)
Florian Baumann & Tim Friehe
Forthcoming in: International Game Theory Review.
- [More Bits – More Bucks? Measuring the Impact of Broadband Internet on Firm Performance.](#)
Irene Bertschek, Daniel Cerquera & Gordon J. Klein
Forthcoming in: Information Economics and Policy.
- [Google, Facebook, Amazon, eBay: Is the Internet Driving Competition or Market Monopolization?](#)
Justus Haucap & Ulrich Heimeshoff
Forthcoming in: International Economics and Economic Policy.

New discussion papers

- DICE Discussion Paper No 89
[How to Counter Union Power? Equilibrium Mergers in International Oligopoly, April 2013.](#)
Beatrice Pagel & Christian Wey
- DICE Discussion Paper No 88
[Mergers, Managerial Incentives, and Efficiencies, April 2013.](#)
Dragan Jovanovic
- DICE Discussion Paper No 87
[Bargaining Power and Local Heroes, March 2013.](#)
Ulrich Heimeshoff & Gordon J. Klein
- DICE Discussion Paper No 86
[More Bits – More Bucks? Measuring the Impact of Broadband Internet on Firm Performance, February 2013.](#)
Irene Bertschek, Daniel Cerquera & Gordon J. Klein
Forthcoming in: Information Economics and Policy.
- DICE Discussion Paper No 85
[Piracy in a Two-Sided Software Market, February 2013.](#)
Alexander Rasch & Tobias Wenzel
Published in: Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 88(2013), 78–89.

- DICE Discussion Paper No 84
[Intermodal Competition on Some Routes in Transportation Networks: The Case of Inter Urban Buses and Railways, January 2013.](#)
Marc Bataille & Alexander Steinmetz
- DICE Discussion Paper No 83
[Google, Facebook, Amazon, eBay: Is the Internet Driving Competition or Market Monopolization?, January 2013.](#)
Justus Haucap & Ulrich Heimeshoff
Forthcoming in: International Economics and Economic Policy.
- DICE Discussion Paper No 82
[Voluntary Payments, Privacy and Social Pressure on the Internet: A Natural Field Experiment, December 2012.](#)
Tobias Regner & Gerhard Riener
- DICE Discussion Paper No 81
[The Effects of Remedies on Merger Activity in Oligopoly, December 2012.](#)
Markus Dertwinkel-Kalt & Christian Wey
- DICE Discussion Paper No 80
[Optimal Damages Multipliers in Oligopolistic Markets, December 2012.](#)
Florian Baumann & Tim Friehe

Newsletter of the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics
(DICE)
Director: Prof. Justus Haucap (responsible according to the press
law)

www.dice.hhu.de

[Subscribe? Just click here and return the e-mail.](#)

[Unsubscribe? Then click here and return the e-mail.](#)