

# Competition Policy Conference 2025 of the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE)

21 – 22 November 2025, Düsseldorf · Conference venue: IHK Düsseldorf

## PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2025

8:30 – 9:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME

9:00 – 10:15

**KEYNOTE LECTURE I: THE PERSISTENCE OF DOMINANCE IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY: SWITCHING COSTS, NETWORK EFFECTS AND THEIR FRIENDS**

Jacques CRÉMER  
(Toulouse School of Economics)  
Chair: Justus HAUCAP (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

10:15 – 10:30

BREAK

10:30 – 11:30

**PRESENTATION I: SELLER-SIDE TYING OF PLATFORM SERVICES**

Greg TAYLOR  
(University of Oxford)  
Discussant: Jana GIESELMANN (University of Edinburgh)  
Chair: Christian WEY (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

11:30 – 11:45

BREAK

11:45 – 12:45

**PRESENTATION II: POTENTIAL AND EFFECTIVE EXCLUSIVITY OF NEW DRUGS: A COMPARISON OF EUROPE AND THE US**

Margaret K. KYLE  
(CERNA, MINES ParisTech)  
Discussant: Alisa FREY (University of Würzburg)  
Chair: Joel STIEBALE (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

12:45 – 13:45

LUNCH BREAK

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13:45 – 14:45

**PRESENTATION III: SEQUENCING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXTERNALITIES**

Markus REISINGER  
(Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)  
Discussant: Simon SCHULTEN (University of Cologne)  
Chair: Hans-Theo NORMANN (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

14:45 – 15:00

BREAK

15:00 – 16:00

**PRESENTATION IV: COMMON OWNERSHIP AND COLLUSION**

Catarina MARVÃO  
(University College Dublin)  
Discussant: Tobias WERNER (University of Southampton)  
Chair: Christian WEY (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

16:00 – 16:15

BREAK

16:15 – 17:15

**PRESENTATION V: PRICE DISCRIMINATION AND ONLINE SALES IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

Alessandro IARIA  
(University of Bristol)  
Discussant: Hendrik DÖPPER (CUNEF University)  
Chair: Alexander RASCH (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

17:15 – 17:30

BREAK

17:30 – 18:30

**PRESENTATION VI: DECODING CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES**

Ming LI  
(The Chinese University of Hong Kong)  
Discussant: Giulia SABBADINI (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)  
Chair: Katharina ERHARDT (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

18:30 – 18:40

BREAK

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18:40 – 19:30

**ROUNDTABLE: EU MERGER GUIDELINES AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY**

Natalie HARSDORF (Austrian Federal Competition Authority)  
Griet JANS (Belgian Competition Authority)  
Martin PEITZ (University of Mannheim)  
Lars SØRGARD (Norwegian School of Economics)  
Moderator: Paul HEIDHUES (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

20:15

**CONFERENCE DINNER**

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SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

09:00 – 10:00

**PRESENTATION VII: DIGITAL ECOSYSTEMS AND DATA REGULATION**

Andrew RHODES  
(Toulouse School of Economics)  
Discussant: Kai FISCHER (Vienna University of Economics and Business)  
Chair: Paul HEIDHUES (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

10:00 – 10:15

**BREAK**

10:15 – 11:15

**PRESENTATION VIII: THE EFFICIENCY EFFECTS OF PLATFORM RANKING REGULATION**

Imke REIMERS  
(Cornell University)  
Discussant: Reinhold KESLER (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)  
Chair: Alexander RASCH (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

11:15 – 11:30

**BREAK**

11:30 – 12:45

**KEYNOTE LECTURE II: THE FUTURE OF PREDICTION**

Moritz HARDT  
(Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems)  
Chair: Hans-Theo NORMANN (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

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SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

12:45

LUNCH TO GO AND FAREWELL

DISCUSSANTS

Hendrik DÖPPER	(CUNEF University)
Kai FISCHER	(Vienna University of Economics and Business)
Alisa FREY	(University of Würzburg)
Jana GIESELMANN	(University of Edinburgh)
Reinhold KESLER	(DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)
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