

Competition Law Forum

14th Annual BIICL International Mergers and Antitrust Conference

Date: 8 May 2017 (from 14:00)

Location: IET Savoy Place, Maxwell Library

Programme

Panel	Speakers	Time
<i>Registration and refreshments (from 13:30)</i>		
1. Global antitrust in a changing political world: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of new governments in the US and UK on trans-Atlantic merger control and antitrust policy Foreign investment controls in Europe, the US and Asia: increasing risks of political intervention in key sectors and strategic deals Are we observing a move away from convergence towards greater divergence globally? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Priddis, Partner (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) – Chair Sir Philip Lowe, Senior Advisor (FTI Consulting) Bill Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy (George Washington University), Visiting Professor (King's College London) Tania van den Brande, Principal (RBB Economics) 	14:00 – 15:10
<i>Coffee break (15:10 – 15:30)</i>		
2. Substantive assessment of deals – key challenges in 2017 and beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of deals on innovation: role in competition assessments Innovative markets: challenges for parties and authorities in assessing deals and agreeing remedies Hot topics: CMA commentary on retail mergers and economic evidence and due process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adrian Majumdar, Partner (RBB Economics) – Chair Tommaso Valletti, Chief Competition Economist (European Commission) Kate Collyer, Deputy Chief Economic Advisor (Competition and Markets Authority) James Aitken, Partner (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) 	15:30 – 16:40

<i>Coffee break (16:40 – 17:00)</i>			
3.	<p>Brexit - impact on merger control and antitrust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within and outside the UK: impact on international businesses • Looking ahead to 2019 – how should businesses prepare: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For deals announced and filed shortly before Brexit, how should parties anticipate the end of the one-stop-shop in risk assessments, deal documents and timetables? • Should businesses expect parallel UK antitrust investigations to be started on cases already being investigated by the Commission? • Five years from now: What can we expect in terms of divergence in the application of competition law in the UK and elsewhere? How will the cooperation between the CMA and other competition authorities in Europe and elsewhere work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Davies, Partner (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) - Chair • Richard Whish QC, Emeritus Professor (King’s College London) • Amelia Fletcher, Professor of Competition Policy (Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia) • Jacques Steenbergen, President (Belgian Competition Authority) 	17:00 – 18:10
<i>Followed by networking drinks</i>			