



## University College London Thursday, 12 June 2025 - 9.00 - 18.00

08.30 - 09.00 Registration & Welcome

09.00 – 09.10 Introductory Remarks

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09.10 - 10.20

# Fireside Chat - Reform of Merger Control, Growth and Innovation: Substantive and Institutional Dimensions

Discussants will explore the evolving landscape of merger control, with a focus on recent reforms that emphasize growth and innovation. Discussion will include the follow-up actions to the Draghi report, which advocates for a more dynamic approach to mergers in light of their impact on market growth, alongside the UK CMA's efforts to align competition policy with its growth objectives. Institutional challenges will also be examined, particularly the implications of Article 22 EUMR and the broader institutional message stemming from the EU Court's judgment in the Illumina/Grail case, before considering how these developments could shape judicial scrutiny of merger decisions.

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10.20 - 11.30

# #1 Protecting Nascent Competitors and Disruptive Innovation: Where Should the Role of NCAs Start?

The panel will discuss the fallout from the Illumina/Grail case, which has raised important questions about how competition authorities should address potential anti-competitive behavior in high-tech, fast-evolving markets, as well as the way the NCAs can better identify and handle cases involving nascent competitors, including mergers below the threshold, before considering the approach taken by the DMCC in navigating these challenges. This discussion will highlight the importance of proactive and forward-looking competition enforcement in dynamic industries.

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Moderator: Giorgio MONTI | Professor, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg\*

Coffee Break - 11.30 - 11.45

11.45 - 13.00

# **#2 The Interplay Between Digital Market Regulation and Merger Control**

This panel will explore the interaction between the DMA and merger control processes, including the role of Article 22 and potential evolutions in this framework. It will cover the 2024 Digital Market and Consumer Act, examining its potential impact on competition enforcement. Remedies will be discussed, with a focus on the CMA's approach to high-profile tech sector cases like Microsoft/Activision, an analysis of recent CMA cases, and a look ahead at the regulatory changes the DMCC could bring. Additionally, the synergies and tensions between the DMA and DMCC will be examined.

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Lunch break - 13.00 - 14.00

14.00 - 15.15

# #3 Hot Topics in Merger Control: Health Value Chain (pharma, healthcare), Sustainability, Innovation "Defense"

The panelists will explore the latest trends in pharmaceutical mergers, including the surge in AI-related deals in the sector and the updates on significant transactions like the Novo Holdings acquisition. The discussion will also delve into new theories of harm emerging in the pharma and healthcare sectors, including the Finnish Competition Authority's push for more effective tools to address harmful concentrations and the Hellenic Competition Commission's ongoing sector inquiry. Key decisions like the CVC/Ethinki Asfalistiki merger and the recent US court dismissal of the FTC's lawsuit over healthcare roll-ups will be discussed, as well as the growing importance of sustainability in merger control, examining how sustainability concerns are shaping market definitions, theories of harm, and innovation defense.

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Moderator: Stavros Makris | Lecturer, Faculty of Laws, University College London

Coffee Break - 15.15 - 15.45

15.45 - 17.00

### #4 Update on Foreign Investment, NSI and CFIUS

Recent developments in foreign investment, national security screening, and regulatory frameworks have reshaped the landscape for cross-border business operations. Key milestones in 2024 highlight significant shifts in global policy, from the EU's moves on tariffs and foreign subsidies to the US's focus on outbound investments. Meanwhile, the UK and China are refining their national security measures to ensure a fair and competitive market. These updates reflect growing concerns over national security risks and market distortions, signaling an evolving regulatory environment that companies must navigate carefully.

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