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**The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition  
Law and Policy (ICC) and Baker McKenzie  
Annual Conference 2017  
Trends and Developments  
in Global Competition Law**

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# Overview

This conference offers a unique forum for exchanging ideas and discussing recent developments in competition law across the globe. It brings together leading figures in the field from around the world including judges, competition officials, academics, in-house counsel and private practitioners. The conference combines the policy perspective of the London-based Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) with the real world experience of the international law firm Baker McKenzie.

# Format and Content

This will be a one-day event, with four major areas of focus: **international merger control; verticals/e-commerce follow-up; international cartel enforcement; and EU state aid enforcement and global competitiveness.** Our aim on this occasion is to bring to our audience a comprehensive update of recent developments related to these topics which will be presented in an analytical and thought-provoking way by a high-level panel of speakers from around the globe. All of the topics will be illustrated by practical examples drawn from recent cases taken from the EU, France, Germany, UK, US and other competition law regimes.

The issues to be addressed are:

## **International merger control**

- Do we really need a value-based threshold?
- Old wine in new bottles (again): the big “theme” of innovation
- Recent trends in substantive analysis

## **Verticals/e-commerce follow-up**

- E-commerce update: outcomes of the sector enquiry
- The impact of, and need for, national guidelines
- The role of retailer power in verticals assessment

## **International cartel enforcement**

- Price signalling, a new enforcement priority around the globe?
- Rewarding individuals for whistleblowing
- Limitations on the effectiveness of leniency programmes

## **EU state aid enforcement and global competitiveness: towards a global vision?**

- Tax aid and/or OECD BEPS: a place for state aid enforcement in abolishing aggressive international tax planning?
- The EU State aid prohibition: a distortion of international competition?
- Bilateral Investment Treaties and State aid: controlling state aid and subsidies beyond EU borders



# Programme

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## Friday, 12 May 2017. The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels

**8.45-9.15:** Registration and coffee

**9.15-9.30:** **Introduction and welcome by conference chairmen**  
Eyad Maher Dabbah (ICC) and Werner Berg (Baker McKenzie)

**9.30:** **International merger control**  
Chair: Werner Berg, Partner, Baker McKenzie  
Speakers: Thomas Deisenhofer, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission; Benjamin Gris, Assistant Director, Mergers II Division, US Federal Trade Commission; Jeannine Bartmann, Head of Competition, IP and IT Law, Group Legal Services, Allianz SE

**11.00-11.15:** Coffee break

**11.15:** **Verticals/e-commerce follow-up**  
Chair: Katharina Spenner, Partner, Baker McKenzie  
Speakers: Gunnar Kallfaß, Head of Unit on European and German Antitrust, Bundeskartellamt; Christoph Leibenath, Senior Antitrust Counsel, Nestlé SA; Jean-Louis Fourgoux, Partner, Fourgoux-Djavadi & Associés

**12.45:** Business lunch

**14.00:** **EU state aid enforcement and global competitiveness: towards a global vision?**  
Chair: Marc van der Woude, Judge, Vice President, General Court of the European Union  
Speakers: Gert Jan Koopman, Deputy Director-General for State Aid, DG Competition, European Commission; Jacques Derenne, Partner, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter, Hampton LLP; Nina Niejahr, Counsel, Baker McKenzie

**15.30-15.45:** Coffee break

**15.45:** **International cartel enforcement**  
Chair: Christopher Vajda, Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union  
Speakers: Maria Jaspers, Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission; Juliette Enser, Director of Cartel Enforcement, UK Competition and Markets Authority; Craig Lee, Partner, Baker McKenzie

**17.15-17.30:** **Conclusions and reflections**  
Maria Ioannidou, Deputy Director, Lecturer, ICC

**17.30:** Reception



# The ICC and Baker McKenzie

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## The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC)

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) is a leading centre of excellence led by Professor Eyad Maher Dabbah that delivers world-class work in the field of competition law and policy. The ICC conducts research and offers training to judges, lawyers, business people and enforcement officials in the field of competition law.

### The ICC's mission is to:

- Build a strong, broad-based and well-informed competition law community
- Engage in competition advocacy and internationally recognised scholarship
- Deliver innovative training and consultancy to meet the needs and expectations of lawyers, economists, policy-makers, competition enforcement bodies, judges and business people

The ICC offers internationally-recognised PhD and (taught and distance learning) LLM programmes in competition law and policy (in addition to a strong undergraduate option in EU and UK competition law) as well as an impressive programme of shorter courses including guest lectures and seminars, training courses and a highly successful annual summer school in competition law. Since its inauguration in 2006, the ICC has welcomed hundreds of participants to these courses in London; hundreds more (mainly judges, lawyers, economists and policy-makers from over 35 countries) have benefited from training given in different parts of the world.

The ICC is aiming to become a leading platform in the debate on the competition law aspects of Brexit with a host of key activities planned for discussing and influencing opinion on the challenges and opportunities of Brexit in the field of competition law.

The ICC also publishes a high quality, refereed student journal, the ICC Global Antitrust Review (GAR).

For further information on the ICC and its activities, visit: [www.icc.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.icc.qmul.ac.uk)

## The School of Law

The School of Law has established itself over the past 50 years as one of the country's leading Law Schools. The School has expertise in all aspects of law.

## Queen Mary University of London

Queen Mary is a leading college of the University of London, with strengths in teaching and research across humanities and social sciences; science and engineering; and medicine and dentistry. Internationally focused, ranked in the top 100 universities in the world, with 4,000 staff and over 21,000 students, Queen Mary provides a uniquely stimulating and innovative environment for international research and policy initiatives such as the ICC.



## Baker McKenzie

Baker McKenzie is a global law firm with 12,000 people in 77 offices worldwide. With over 320 lawyers and professionals in over 43 countries, Baker McKenzie's Global Antitrust and Competition Group is the largest competition practices in the world – and one with the broadest reach. Baker McKenzie has in-depth experience in all areas of competition law including dawn raids, cartel investigations and follow-on litigation, multijurisdictional merger control, distribution strategies, dominance, state aid and general antitrust compliance.

Baker McKenzie's lawyers are recognized by Global Directories in more countries than any other global law firm. For instance Baker McKenzie's Global Antitrust and Competition Group is ranked in "The Top 5 Global Elite", in the world's top competition practices, for our 'ability to field quality teams in antitrust hot spots around the world' according to Global Competition Review. For more information about Baker McKenzie visit [www.bakermckenzie.com](http://www.bakermckenzie.com)

## Accreditation

The conference has been recognised as constituting vocational training by the Orde van Vlaamse Balies and the Ordre des Barreaux Francophones et Germanophones de Belgique. Participants will be credited six points of vocational training for their participation.

Participants with the relevant qualification will be credited six CPD points by the Law Society and the Bar Standards Board of the Bar Council (England and Wales).

# Notes

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