



Workshop Law, Economics and Politics of Market Competition

20-21 January 2026

Hochschule für Politik München/Munich School of Politics and Public Policy at TUM (HfP)
and
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition (MPI)

Tuesday, 20 January 2026

**TUM Think Tank at HfP (Munich School of Politics and Public Policy)
Richard-Wagner-Str.1, 80333 München, Room B.158**

13:30-13:45		Welcome Coffee
13:45-14:00		Welcome
14:00-15:30	Johannes Blaschczok (LMU)	The Consumer Well-Being Standard – Using Capability Economics to Conceptualize the Protection of Consumer Choice in (Digital) Competition Law
	Josef Drexl, Daria Kim (MPI)	AI Innovation Competition as a Discovery Procedure – The Role and Limits of Competition Law
	Leonie Ott (LMU)	Competition in Times of Crisis: Can “Resilience” be a Meaningful Concept for EU Competition Policy?
15:30-16:00		<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00-17:30	Carolina Weber (MPI)	Bridging the Innovation Gender Gap: Analysis under EU Merger Control
	Zahra Kabir Aminu (MPI)	Integrating Sustainability Objectives into Competition Law and Innovation: A Nigerian Perspective in the Context of Developing Economies
	Tim Bütke (TUM), Carly Potz-Nielsen (GT) with Cindy Cheng	How Many Lawyers Does It Take to Turn on a Light Bulb? The Effect of Competition Law on Technological Innovation
17:30-18:00		<i>Coffee Break</i>
18:00	Eleanor Fox (NYU Law)	Keynote The Control of Global Market Power in the Digital Economy and Geopolitics (online)

ca. 19:30 informal dinner for workshop presenters following Prof. Fox's keynote

Wednesday, 21 January 2026

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13:30-15:30	Thomas Ackermann (LMU)	Constitutionalized Competition Law – The EU as an Example
	Vellah Kigwiru (TUM)	Assessing Digital Platforms' Personal Data Processing Terms of Use as a Competition Law Violation
	Nada Ida Pauer (MPI)	A Digital Private Law Society
	Shazana Rohr (LMU)	Discretionary Market Governance in EU, UK and US Competition Law: Limits, Potential and Future Trajectories
15:30-16:00		<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00-18.00	Christel Koop (King's College London)	Societal Pressures and the Evolution of Regulatory Statutes (Online)
	Tim Becker (MPI)	When Competition Chills Innovation: Between <i>Bronner</i> and <i>Android Auto</i>
	Maria José Schmidt-Kessen (Central European University)	The Interplay of Competition and IP Law in the Circular Economy
	Alexander Kann (ZEW Mannheim)	Do Commonly Held Firms Coordinate Their R&D? Evidence from Patents

Please note that the workshop will proceed in 30-minute time slots: 12 minutes for the presentation, immediately followed by 15 minutes for designated Q&A/discussion of the paper/project just presented, and 3 minutes to switch computers/presentations for the next presentation. Naturally, this schedule does not apply the keynote address by Eleanor Fox.