

# The Pros and Cons of Merger Control

8.30 Registration and Coffee

9.00 Welcome address by **Marie Östman**, Director General, Swedish Competition Authority

9.10 Keynote address: **Dynamic effects of mergers: what are they, and how to tell whether they are pro- or anti-competitive?**

**John Vickers**, Professor, University of Oxford

9.40 Panel 1: **Do mergers drive innovation and productivity growth, or do they stifle competition? Which effect ultimately dominates?**

**Fiona Scott Morton**, Professor, Yale University

**Frank Montag**, Partner, Freshfields

**Tomaso Duso**, Professor, DIW Berlin, TU Berlin

**Otto Toivanen**, Professor, Aalto University

Moderator: **Olli Kauppi**, Chief Economist, Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority

10.50 Coffee and fruit break

11.15 Panel 2: **More strict, more lax or just more accurate? Which is the key challenge for merger control?**

**Hans Zenger**, Head of Unit at the Chief Economist Team of DG Competition

**Lars-Hendrik Röller**, Founder & Chairman, Berlin Global Dialogue, Professor of Economics, ESMT

**Nicole Calo-Niiranen**, Head of antitrust, ABB

**Jorge Padilla**, Chair, Compass Lexecon International

Moderator: **Thibault Schrepel**, Associate Professor, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

12.30 Lunch

13.40 Panel 3: **What makes remedies effective? What can parties and agencies learn from experience?**

**Ingrid Vandenborre**, Head of European Antitrust/Competition Practice, Skadden

**Griet Jans**, Chief Economist, Belgian Competition Authority

**Kirsten Edwards-Warren**, Founding Partner, Eonic Partners

**Saar Dierckens**, Global Head of Legal Competition, Siemens AG

Moderator: **Magnus F. Reitan**, Deputy Director, Department for Food, Retail and Health, Norwegian Competition Authority

14.50 Concluding remarks

14.55 Afternoon Coffee (Swedish fika)