

## Course XXIII

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### LIST OF SPEAKERS

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#### **ALBERS MICHAEL**

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I am advising competition authorities in Europe and Asia on the development of competition policy and on the enforcement of competition law. My consultancy ranges from conceiving policies and strategies for enforcement authorities to counselling of case teams in individual antitrust and merger cases. I am also ‘auditing’ established competition law regimes of individual countries, for instance on behalf of the European Commission, and give lectures on competition law issues at universities in Berlin and Saarbrücken.

Before starting to work as an independent consultant, I was a Hearing Officer in competition cases of the European Commission until 2013. Prior to my appointment as Hearing Officer, I did policy and case work for the German competition authority, the “Bundeskartellamt”, as well as the Directorate General for Competition of the EU Commission. I joined the latter in 1990 when the Merger Task Force was set up to inaugurate the European merger control regime. Subsequently, I was entrusted with the coordination of all pending EU antitrust proceedings, initially as principal administrator, later in the function of a Deputy Head of Unit. In 1998, I became responsible for the contribution of EU antitrust policy to the creation of a single European electricity and gas market. Later, I took over the telecommunications unit to formulate the EU competition policy contribution to the ‘digital economy’ until the College of European Commissioners appointed me as Hearing Officer.

#### **DAVIES JOHN**

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John Davies is a Senior Vice President with Compass Lexecon, a firm of consulting economists specialising in the areas of competition policy, litigation and economic regulation. After taking degrees in economics from Cambridge and Oxford, he worked as a consulting economist from 1994 to 2003 for various firms. In this role he advised clients in the private and public sectors on mergers, abuse of monopoly, network regulation, privatisation and optimal tariff-setting. In 2003 he joined the UK Competition Commission as deputy Chief Economist, becoming Chief Economist in 2005. He managed a team of 20 to 30 economists and was responsible for the quality of the economic analysis on investigations. Notable cases included the market investigations of Groceries and Airports, the BskyB/ITV merger inquiry and a regulatory inquiry into mobile telephony. At the start of 2009 John became the first

Executive Director of the new Competition Commission of Mauritius, responsible for competition investigations, for final decision by a board of commissioners. The CCM became fully operational before the end of the year, and he led the new institution through investigations of meat imports, insurance, travel agents, banks and telecoms. In May 2011, John became Head of the Competition Division of the OECD in Paris. The division supports the work of the Competition Committee of the OECD, through analytical work for discussion at the Committee as well as advisory and assistant work to member countries and 'outreach' work to non-member countries. He returned to consulting, joining Compass Lexecon, in 2016.

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William E. Kovacic has served on the Federal Trade Commission since January 2006, and served as Chairman from March 2008 until March 2009. Kovacic was the agency's General Counsel from 2001 through 2004, and he worked for the Commission from 1979 until 1983, initially in the Bureau of Competition's Planning Office and later as an attorney advisor to former Commissioner George W. Douglas. Before he became a Commissioner, Kovacic was the E.K. Gubin Professor of Government Contracts Law at George Washington University Law School, where he began teaching in 1999. He had taught at the George Mason University School of Law since 1986, after practicing antitrust and government contracts law for three years at Bryan Cave's Washington, DC, office. Earlier in his career, Kovacic spent one year on the majority staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee. Since 1992, Kovacic has been an adviser on antitrust and consumer protection issues to the governments of Armenia, Benin, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. Kovacic received a bachelor degree from Princeton University in 1974 and a law degree from Columbia University in 1978. He left the FTC in September 2011; he is now a full time professor at George Washington Law School. For the 2015-2016 academic year, he is serving as a Visiting Professor at King's College London. Since August 2013, he has been a Non-executive Director of the UK Competition and Markets Authority.

**MAYER CHRISTIAN**, Mag. iur.  
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Christian Mayer is a name partner of Starlinger Mayer attorneys-at-law. Christian advises national and international clients on Austrian and international competition law, merger control, energy law and compliance. He also specializes in dispute resolution (in particular competition and energy related arbitration). He has repeatedly been ranked amongst Austria's top competition lawyers (up and coming). After graduating from the University of Vienna, Christian started his career as an associate with a renowned Austrian business law firm. From 2006 to 2009, he was a research associate with the Institute for European and International Business Law at the University of St.Gallen HSG (Chair Prof. Baudenbacher). After returning to Austria, he first joined Dorda Brugger Jordis attorneys-at-law as an associate and, from 2013 to 2015, headed the

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Dr. Dirk Middelschulte is working as GLOBAL GENERAL COUNSEL COMPETITION at Unilever in Brussels SINCE October 2017. Before that, he held the position of GLOBAL Compliance Director at Danone in Paris.

From 2006 to 2014, Dirk Middelschulte was in-house lawyer in the fields of IP, regulation and competition law at the headquarters of Deutsche Bahn AG in Berlin. Since 2009 he was GROUP Head OF ANTITRUST ADVICE & COMPLIANCE.

Prior to this, he was lawyer at Zirngibl Langwieser Rechtsanwälte in Berlin and Munich.

Dr. Middelschulte studied law at the University of Freiburg i. Br., Edinburgh and Munich.

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His doctoral thesis deals with European State aids and was supervised by Prof. Dr. Meinrad Dreher at the University of Mainz.

**POLLEY ROMINA, Dr., LL.M.**

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Romina Polley is a partner based in the Cologne office practicing competition law for twenty years. Ms. Polley's practice focuses on German and European cartel proceedings (including dawn raid assistance and applying for leniency), merger control, advice on monopolies, cooperation agreements, and distribution and licensing agreements. She has substantial experience in the chemical, consumer goods, IT, construction, defense and automotive industries. She is widely published, including her 2013 commentary on the Motor Vehicle Group Exemption Regulation (Frankfurter Kommentar zum Kartellrecht) and numerous articles on topics of merger control, leniency, antitrust proceedings and license and distribution agreements. In 2004 and 2009, Ms. Polley was featured as one of the world's leading female antitrust lawyers in Global Competition Review's survey "100 Women in Antitrust". In 2006, the leading publication on German law firms JUVE named Ms. Polley one of the "Top 40 under 40" lawyers in Germany. Since 2007, JUVE has distinguished Ms. Polley as a frequently recommended lawyer for antitrust. Chambers Europe GCR and Legal 500 also rank Ms. Polley as one of the leading individuals for competition in Germany. Ms. Polley's practice has focused in recent years on cartel investigations. Ms. Polley has acted as counsel in various cartel proceedings before the German and European antitrust authorities. In particular, she is experienced in applying for leniency, conducting internal investigations, coordinating parallel antitrust proceedings in various countries and negotiating settlements with the antitrust authorities. In addition to representing companies before the antitrust authorities she has experience in antitrust litigation including follow on-damages litigation and proceedings before the European Court of Justice. An additional focus of Ms. Polley's practice has always been European and German merger control. She handled numerous merger control proceedings in Brussels and Bonn, including Phase 2 proceedings, cleared with or without conditions. Her merger control expertise also comprises the handling of

requests for referral to obtain jurisdiction of the European Commission in cases initially subject to national merger control and the handling of multinational notifications. Ms. Polley joined Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in 2003 from Linklaters Oppenhoff & Raedler. She received an LL.M. degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1997 and a doctorate in law, magna cum laude, from Freie Universität Berlin in 1996. She was admitted to the Bar in 1995. Ms. Polley passed the second state examination in the State of Berlin in 1995 and the first state examination at the University of Berlin in 1992. She studied at the University of Geneva from 1988 to 1989. Ms. Polley is a member of the Bar in Cologne. Her native language is German and she is fluent in English, proficient in French and has basic knowledge of Spanish.

### **RITTER CYRIL**

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Cyril Ritter is a Policy Officer in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP), where he works in the Antitrust Policy and Case Scrutiny unit. In his current capacity, Cyril works mainly on emerging technology issues, technology cases, financial cases and pharma cases. He was previously a DG COMP case-handler dealing with airline alliances and shipping mergers. Before joining DG COMP in 2007, Cyril was a law firm associate at Linklaters in Paris.

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Ulrich studied in Freiburg and Brussels (LL.M. 1996). He has been a partner at Gleiss Lutz since 2002. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as a research assistant at the University of

Freiburg. He has published many articles on competition and state aid issues and contributed to a number of books on these topics. He is frequently invited as an expert to speak at various international conferences and is the co-editor of the European Journal of Business Law (EuZW) as well as of the New Journal of Antitrust Law (NZKart). Ulrich is a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network (ICN) and a member of various associations, including the Berlin State Aid Forum (board member), the IBA, the ABA and the Association for the Study of Antitrust Law. Ulrich speaks German, English and French.

He has represented companies in numerous EU cartel investigations, concerning among others things cement, DRAMs, bathroom fittings, smart card chips, citric acid, plumbing tubes, sodium gluconate, industrial tubes, car parts, Austrian banks, newsprint, and Euro exchange rate fees. He has advised clients in merger filings, such as Suedzucker, Munich Re, Siemens, Canon, First Choice, Nisshinbo, and General Motors/Opel. In addition, he has done state aid work for Commerzbank, WestLB, General Motors/Opel, Hypo Alpe Adria, Bank of Ireland, Deutsche Post, the German government as well as many federal states, including Hesse, Bavaria, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Saxony, and North Rhine-Westphalia.

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Hanno Wollmann has been a partner at Schoenherr since 1998, where he heads the firm's EU and competition practice group. He obtained his law degrees from the University of Vienna (Dr. iur. 1991) and the University of Exeter (LL.M. in European legal studies, 1991). In addition to his legal education, he obtained a business degree from the Vienna University of Economics and Business (Mag. rer.soc.oec., 1991) and a diploma in Economics for Competition Law from King's College (2011). Wollmann has been a member of the Austrian Bar since 1995. His practice focuses on European and Austrian competition law, where he represents and advises clients in a wide range of industries, including energy, telecommunications, banking and finance, media, transport, pharmaceuticals and consumer goods. He is engaged in all types of public and private litigation, as well as out-of-court advice and in merger control work. Headline transactions in the recent past include the

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