Workshop on the economics of startup acquisitions

University of Bern, April 25-26, 2024

Seminar Room 028, University of Bern Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4

Thursday, April 25

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09:00-09:45	Startup Acquisitions: Acquihires and Talent Hoarding
	Jean-Michel Benkert, University of Bern
09:45-10:30	Acquihiring for Monopsony Power
	Volker Nocke, Universität Mannheim
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50-11:35	Market Concentration, Growth, and Acquisitions
	Joshua Weiss, Stockholm University
11:35-12:20	Incentivizing Novelty in Antibiotic Development
	Gosia Majewska, ESSEC Business School
12:30	Lunch, Hallers Brasserie



