

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

09:15-09:45	Arrival & welcome coffee
09:45-10:30	Shelving or developing? Optimal policy for mergers with potential competitors Chiara Fumagalli, Universita' Bocconi
10:30-11:15	Acquisitions and the Direction of Innovation in the Digital Economy: Do the Tech Giants rely on the start-ups they acquire to disrupt? Laureen de Bary, HEC Liège
11:15-11:30	Break
11:30-12:15	The Impact of Acquisitions in the Biotechnology Sector on R&D Productivity Luca Verginer, ETH Zürich
12:30	Lunch, Restaurant Veranda
14:00-14:45	Start-up Acquisitions and the Entrant's and Incumbent's Innovation Portfolios José L. Moraga, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
14:45-15:30	Dominant Ecosystems and Innovation Slowdown Vincenzo Denicolò, University of Bologna
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:45	Dynamic Competition Theories of Harm in recent CMA merger cases: Facebook/Giphy and Adobe/Figma Francesca Sala, Competition and Markets Authority UK
16:45-17:30	Acquisitions of emerging competitors. Recent examples from the European Commission's merger practice Szabolcs Lorincz, European Commission
18:30	Dinner, Restaurant Terrasse Schwellenmätteli

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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