

Conference on Procedural Rights in Competition Law

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Downtown Campus of Jimenqiao

Proceedings before both the EU and Chinese competition law authorities can lead to severe fines for undertakings held to have infringed the respective competition laws. For this reason, it is of utmost importance that defendants in these procedures are given ample opportunity to defend themselves against the allegations made against them. The conference aims to give an overview of the procedural rights currently in place in both systems, of the similarities and differences between the systems and how this may affect cooperation between the respective competition authorities. It will offer an excellent opportunity for mutual learning and reflection. It will also provide useful knowledge to European and Chinese companies and lawyers facing administrative competition law proceedings in each other's legal system.

Programme

09:30-09:45: Introduction (Prof. Qian Hao and Dr. Caroline Cauffman)
09:45-10:15: General overview of EU competition law (Prof. Wouter Devroe & Dr. Ida Wendt)
10:15-10:45: General overview of Chinese competition law (Prof. Qian Hao)
10:45-11:00: Discussion
11:00-11:30: Coffee
11:30-12:00: Procedural rights in EU competition law procedures – ex ante procedures (mergers) (Dr. Anca Chirita)
12:00-12:30: Procedural rights in Chinese competition law procedures – ex ante procedures (mergers) (Mr. Adrian Emch)
12:30-12:50: Discussion
12:50-14:15: Lunch
14:15-14:45: Procedural rights in EU competition law procedures – ex post procedures (Prof. Nicolas Petit)
14:45-15:15: Procedural rights in Chinese competition law procedures – ex post procedures (Prof. Dong Ling)
15:15-15:35: Discussion
15:35-16:00: Coffee
16:00-16:30: Procedural rights in competition law procedures – an international perspective (Prof. Michael Albers)
16:30-16:45: Discussion
16:45-17:15: Comparative report (Prof. Qian Hao & Dr. Caroline Cauffman)



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