

# ASCOLA SWISS CHAPTER FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## THE FUTURE OF SWISS AND EUROPEAN MERGER CONTROL

*Introduction of the SIEC merger test in Switzerland; new merger control threshold approaches in the EU; regulatory encroachment upon mergers in digital markets – practice needs to adapt and ASCOLA Swiss Chapter discusses these issues with Swiss and foreign watchdog representatives, scholars and practitioners at its Annual Conference.*

**Thursday 2 June 2022**  
**8.30 – 18.00**

**Sorell Hotel Zürichberg**  
**Orellistrasse 21, 8044 Zurich**

**Registration Fee**

Price for the Public: CHF 400

ASCOLA Members: CHF 250

Members of the Administration: CHF 250

PhD Students / Students: CHF 50



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# PROGRAM

Organisation: professors Damiano Canapa, Peter Georg Picht and Dr Astrid Waser

<b>8.30</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b>	Peter Georg Picht, professor at University of Zurich, Chair ASCOLA Swiss Chapter
<b>9.15</b>	<b>SIEC Test: EU Experiences</b>	Birthe Panhans, European Commission
<b>9.45</b>	<b>SIEC Test: Presentation of the Swiss Revision Project</b>	Peter Georg Picht, professor at University of Zurich, Chair ASCOLA Swiss Chapter and Damiano Canapa, professor at University of Lausanne, Director of CEDIDAC
<b>10.05</b>	<b>SIEC Test: the Austrian Model</b>	Dr Natalie Harsdorf-Borsch, Bundeswettbewerbsbehörde
<b>10.20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10.50</b>	<b>The SIEC Test in Practice: the Legal and Econ Perspectives</b>	Dr Aleksandra Boutin, Postive Competition and Dr Bernd Meyring, Linklaters and College of Europe
<b>11.45</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

- 13.15**      **Possible Effects of the SIEC Test on ComCo Practice**  
Dr Niklaus Wallimann, ComCo Secretariat, Dr Philippe Sulger, ComCo Secretariat and Dr Richard Stäuber, Homburger
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- 14.15**      **Limitations of the Current Merger Control Test(s) in Germany**  
Dr Fabian Pape, Bundeskartellamt
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- 14.40**      **Discussion: is the SIEC Test needed at all - Much Ado, Few Cases?**  
Dr Fabian Pape, Bundeskartellamt, Dr Samuel Rutz, Swiss Economics and David Mamane, Schellenberg Wittmer
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- 15.10**      **Coffee Break**
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- 15.40**      **Merger Control in the US: Current perspectives**  
Scott Hemphill, Moses H. Grossman professor at NYU School of Law, co-director of the Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy
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- 16.00**      **Merger Control Thresholds: Recent EU Developments**  
Philippe Chappatte, Slaughter & May
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- 16.20**      **Merger Control Thresholds: the Member States' Perspective**  
Stefan Thomas, professor at University of Tübingen
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- 17.00**      **Discussion: Are New Merger Control Thresholds needed for Switzerland?**  
*Keynote:* Walter Stoffel, professor at University of Fribourg, former President of ComCo  
*Podium:* Andreas Heinemann, professor at University of Zürich, President of ComCo and Dr Astrid Waser, Lenz & Staehelin
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- 17.45**      **Concluding Remarks**
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- 18.00**      **Aperitif**

