



**Chaire Bernard Van Ommeslaghe Conference**

**Emerging Competition Issues  
in Regulated Network Industries:  
Alliances, Consortia and Other Quasi-Mergers**

**Brussels, September 25 and 26, 2008**

**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008**

- 13.30-14.00 *Welcoming coffee (and signing up)*
- 14.00-14.30 **Opening remarks:** Antonio Estache (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- 14.30-15.45 **Energy**  
*Main Speaker: Claude Crampes ( IDEI, Toulouse)*  
*Discussant: Phil Burns (Frontier Economics)*
- 15.45-16.15 *Coffee Break*
- 16.15-17.30 **Railways**  
*Main Speaker: Russell Pittman (Department of Justice, USA)*  
*Discussant: Michel Allé (SNCB-Holding and Solvay, ULB)*
- 17.30-18.30 **Cocktail**

**Friday, September 26, 2008**

- 09.00-10.15 **Telecommunications**  
*Main Speaker: Jordi Gual, (IESE Business School and “la Caixa”)*  
*Discussant: Eric de Keuleneer, (Mobistar and Solvay, ULB)*
- 10.15- 10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 10.45-12.00 **Water and Sanitation**  
*Panel Discussion: Antonio Estache (ECARES), Rob Francis (Frontier Economics), Derek Holt (Oxera)*
- 12.00-12.50 **Round Table: Should Competition Agencies worry more about quasi-mergers in regulated network industries?**  
*Chair: Estelle Cantillon (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles)*  
*Speakers: Juan Delgado (Bruegel)*  
*Christian Huveneers (Belgian Competition Council)*  
*Russell Pittman (Department of Justice, USA)*
- 12.50- 13.00 **Closing remarks:** Antonio Estache, ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 13.00-14.30 **End of seminar “Sandwich Lunch”**