

# ESTALI Spring Forum – Programme

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Time	Groene zaal	Rode zaal	Zwarte zaal
08.30-9.00	Registration		
09.00-9.15	Welcome remarks <b>Wolfgang Andreae</b>	/	/
09.15-10.15	<b>Chair: Caroline Buts</b>  Keynote <b>Andrea Biondi (tbc)</b> + Discussants <b>Jan Blockx &amp; Wout De Cock</b>	/	/
10.15-10.45	Coffee break		
	<b>Session 1a - The Green Transition</b>	<b>Session 1b - Procedural Law</b>	<b>Session 1c - Strategic Autonomy</b>
10.45-12.30	<p><b>Chair: Michael Schütte (tbc)</b></p> <p><b>Melissa Bantle, Phil-Adrian Klotz and Johannes Paha</b> - Charging Ahead: The Impact of Funding Programs on the Charging Infrastructure in Germany <i>Discussant: Magdalena Porzeżyńska</i></p> <p><b>Charles Malvaux, Wout De Cock and Nikolas Vander Vennet</b> - Unicorn no more, a Northvolt case study <i>Discussant: Sonia Stoyanova</i></p> <p><b>Magdalena Porzeżyńska</b> - State aid and industrial policy - Challenges and Opportunities in the Green Transformation <i>Discussants: Melissa Bantle, Phil-Adrian Klotz and Johannes Paha</i></p> <p><b>Sonia Stoyanova, Caroline Buts and Didier Caluwaerts</b> - State aid and clean tech: a systematic literature review <i>Discussant: Charles Malvaux</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Wout De Cock</b></p> <p><b>Mario Barbano</b> - Adding the environmental perspective to State aid control: the role of interested parties and environmental NGOs <i>Discussant: Alessandro Cogoni</i></p> <p><b>Francesca Cagossi</b> - Interested Parties in EU State Aid Law: lost in the process <i>Discussant: Maria Segura</i></p> <p><b>Alessandro Cogoni</b> - State Aid Complainants' Rights, Between Evolution and Involution <i>Discussant: Mario Barbano</i></p> <p><b>Maria Segura</b> - Procedural rights in actions for annulment of State aid Decisions <i>Discussant: Francesca Cagossi</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Lena Hornkohl</b></p> <p><b>Lorenzo Rodio Nico</b> - State Aid Law and EU Regulation: The Paradox of State Aid Flexibilization for Techno-Economic Sovereignty <i>Discussant: You Wang</i></p> <p><b>Alix Mengin and Delphine Abramowitz</b> - State aid and the search for strategic autonomy <i>Discussant: Lorenzo Rodio Nico</i></p> <p><b>Indra Vonck and Mychal Langenus</b> - Navigating Change: The Impact of State Aid and Strategic Autonomy in Belgian Ports <i>Discussants: Chloé Spyrtatos, Alix Mengin and Constance Lubet</i></p> <p><b>You Wang</b> - EU-China NEV subsidy disputes in the new geoeconomic order <i>Discussants: Indra Vonck and Mychal Langenus</i></p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch break		

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	<b>Session 2a - Green Deal</b>	<b>Session 2b - State aid and (crisis) policy</b>	<b>Session 2c - 'State aid' criteria</b>
13.15-14.45	<p><b>Chair: Nicole Robins</b></p> <p><b>Graça da Costa</b> - The challenges and opportunities brought by the European Green Deal <i>Discussant: Bernhard von Wendland</i></p> <p><b>Kerstin Schatz</b> - How do the EU State aid rules influence the implementation of the Green Deal <i>Discussant: Graça da Costa</i></p> <p><b>Bernhard von Wendland</b> - Financing a just transition. State aid for social enterprises <i>Discussant: Kerstin Schatz</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Jan Blockx</b></p> <p><b>Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey</b> - State aid during crisis: between flexibility and a level playing field <i>Discussant: Sofia Tzortzi</i></p> <p><b>Maria O'Brien</b> - State aid and creative industries: a multi-perspectival approach to instrumentalize policies <i>Discussants: Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey</i></p> <p><b>Sofia Tzortzi and Antonis Metaxas</b> - Are Protections Under International Investment Law inherently State aid? <i>Discussant: Maria O'Brien</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Maria Segura</b></p> <p><b>Grith Skovgaard Ølykke and Caroline Buts</b> - State Control and the Evolving Concept of Imputability <i>Discussants: Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo</i></p> <p><b>Jakub Pawelec</b> - Hidden forms of State aid and the activities of the State-owned enterprises <i>Discussants: Grith Skovgaard Ølykke</i></p> <p><b>Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo</b> - The Concept of 'Distortion in the Internal Market' in the Foreign Subsidies Regulation - From the Legacy of State aid Law to the First Case Practice <i>Discussant: Jakub Pawelec</i></p>
14.45-15.15	Coffee break		
	<b>Session 3a - State aid, Energy and sustainability</b>	<b>Session 3b - Public Procurement &amp; Investment Law</b>	<b>Session 3c - State aid Modernisation</b>
15.15-16.45	<p><b>Chair: Leigh Hancher</b></p> <p><b>Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes</b> - Evaluating State Aid for Renewable Energy <i>Discussants: Robin Vandendriessche</i></p> <p><b>Umberto Di Francia, Francesco Maria Salerno and Marco Grantalano</b> - The Fragmentation of State aid: the case of the energy sector <i>Discussants: Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes</i></p> <p><b>Caroline Buts, Graça da Costa, Ilona Kyrashchuk, Songyue Li and Robin Vandendriessche</b> - Sustainability Principles in the State aid environmental guidelines and decisional practice <i>Discussants: Umberto Di Francia, Francesco Maria Salerno and Franco Grantalano</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Michael Honoré (tbc)</b></p> <p><b>Andreas Bartosch</b> - Regulatory measures and State aid <i>Discussant: Dionysios Pelekis</i></p> <p><b>Dionysios Pelekis</b> - Procurement in the Context of R&amp;D&amp;I <i>Discussant: Cecilie Fanø Petersen</i></p> <p><b>Cecilie Fanø Petersen</b> - State aid and Public Procurement <i>Discussant: Andreas Bartosch</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Antonis Metaxas</b></p> <p><b>Sonsoles Centeno</b> - Enforcement Modernisation <i>Discussant: Geertje van Heezik</i></p> <p><b>Péter Staviczyk</b> - State aid, Hungary and the GBER <i>Discussant: Sonsoles Centeno</i></p> <p><b>Greetje van Heezik and Antonia Vegt</b> - Are the State aid rules a matter of a public policy? <i>Discussant: Péter Staviczyk</i></p>
16.45-17.30	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Antonios Bouchagiar</b></p>		