

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 Wolfgang Andraea, Jan Blockx & Wout De Cock	/	/
09.15-10.15	Chair: Caroline Buts Keynote Judge Anna Marcoulli	/	/
10.15-10.45	Coffee break		
	Session 1a - The Green Transition	Session 1b - Procedural Law	Session 1c - Strategic Autonomy
10.45-12.30	<p>Chair: Michael Schütte (tbc)</p> <p>Melissa Bantle, Phil-Adrian Klotz and Johannes Paha - Charging Ahead: The Impact of Funding Programs on the Charging Infrastructure in Germany <i>Discussant: Magdalena Porzeżyńska</i></p> <p>Charles Malvaux, Wout De Cock and Nikolas Vander Vennet - Unicorn no more, a Northvolt case study <i>Discussant: Sonia Stoyanova</i></p> <p>Magdalena Porzeżyńska - 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>Sonia Stoyanova, Caroline Buts and Didier Caluwaerts - State aid and clean tech: a systematic literature review <i>Discussant: Charles Malvaux</i></p>	<p>Chair: Wout De Cock</p> <p>Mario Barbano - Adding the environmental perspective to State aid control: the role of interested parties and environmental NGOs <i>Discussant: Alessandro Cogoni</i></p> <p>Francesca Cagossi - Interested Parties in EU State Aid Law: lost in the process <i>Discussant: Maria Segura</i></p> <p>Alessandro Cogoni - State Aid Complainants' Rights, Between Evolution and Involution <i>Discussant: Mario Barbano</i></p> <p>Maria Segura - Procedural rights in actions for annulment of State aid Decisions <i>Discussant: Francesca Cagossi</i></p>	<p>Chair: Lena Hornkohl</p> <p>Lorenzo Rodio Nico - State Aid Law and EU Regulation: The Paradox of State Aid Flexibilization for Techno-Economic Sovereignty <i>Discussant: You Wang</i></p> <p>Alix Mengin and Delphine Abramowitz - State aid and the search for strategic autonomy <i>Discussant: Lorenzo Rodio Nico</i></p> <p>Indra Vonck and Mychal Langenus - 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>You Wang - 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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	Session 2a - Green Deal	Session 2b - State aid and (crisis) policy	Session 2c - 'State aid' criteria
13.15-14.45	<p>Chair: Nicole Robins</p> <p>Graça da Costa - The challenges and opportunities brought by the European Green Deal <i>Discussant: Bernhard von Wendland</i></p> <p>Kerstin Schatz - How do the EU State aid rules influence the implementation of the Green Deal <i>Discussant: Graça da Costa</i></p> <p>Bernhard von Wendland - Financing a just transition. State aid for social enterprises <i>Discussant: Kerstin Schatz</i></p>	<p>Chair: Jan Blockx</p> <p>Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey - State aid during crisis: between flexibility and a level playing field <i>Discussant: Sofia Tzortzi</i></p> <p>Maria O'Brien - State aid and creative industries: a multi-perspectival approach to instrumentalize policies <i>Discussants: Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey</i></p> <p>Sofia Tzortzi and Antonis Metaxas - Are Protections Under International Investment Law inherently State aid? <i>Discussant: Maria O'Brien</i></p>	<p>Chair: Maria Segura</p> <p>Grith Skovgaard Ølykke and Caroline Buts - State Control and the Evolving Concept of Imputability <i>Discussants: Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo</i></p> <p>Jakub Pawelec - Hidden forms of State aid and the activities of the State-owned enterprises <i>Discussants: Grith Skovgaard Ølykke</i></p> <p>Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo - 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		
	Session 3a - State aid, Energy and sustainability	Session 3b - Public Procurement & Investment Law	Session 3c - State aid Modernisation
15.15-16.45	<p>Chair: Leigh Hancher</p> <p>Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes - Evaluating State Aid for Renewable Energy <i>Discussants: Robin Vandendriessche</i></p> <p>Umberto Di Francia, Francesco Maria Salerno and Marco Grantalano - The Fragmentation of State aid: the case of the energy sector <i>Discussants: Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes</i></p> <p>Caroline Buts, Graça da Costa, Ilona Kyrashchuk, Songyue Li and Robin Vandendriessche - 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>Chair: Michael Honoré (tbc)</p> <p>Andreas Bartosch - Regulatory measures and State aid <i>Discussant: Dionysios Pelekis</i></p> <p>Dionysios Pelekis - Procurement in the Context of R&D&I <i>Discussant: Cecilie Fanøe Petersen</i></p> <p>Cecilie Fanøe Petersen - State aid and Public Procurement <i>Discussant: Andreas Bartosch</i></p>	<p>Chair: Antonis Metaxas</p> <p>Sonsoles Centeno - Enforcement Modernisation <i>Discussant: Geertje van Heezik</i></p> <p>Péter Staviczky - State aid, Hungary and the GBER <i>Discussant: Sonsoles Centeno</i></p> <p>Greetje van Heezik and Antonia Vegt - Are the State aid rules a matter of a public policy? <i>Discussant: Péter Staviczky</i></p>
16.45-17.30	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Chair: Antonios Bouchagiar</p>		