



DEWATRIPONT FEST - MAY 6 & 7

ULB - Campus Solbosch - Building R42 - Auditorium Pierre Drion

DAY 1

- 08:30 – 09:00** — **Welcome Coffee**
- 09:00 – 09:10** — **Welcome Remarks – Vice-Rector of Research Marius Gilbert and Dean Catherine Dehon**
- 09:10 – 11:15** — **Research Presentations (25 min each, chair: Bram De Rock (ULB))**
- **Jean Tirole** (Nobel Prize 2014, Toulouse School of Economics) - “*Hard Facts or Cheap Talk? Strategic Communication and Policy Change in Regulatory Rulemaking*”
 - **Wouter Dessein** (Columbia University) - “*Nimble banks*”
 - **Guido Friebel** (Goethe University) and **Paul Seabright** (Toulouse School of Economics) - “*Leaders Who Lose It - What Can We Do?*”(book project)
 - **Patrick Bolton** (Imperial College London) - “*Information processing organizations then and now*”
 - **Ailsa Roëll** (Imperial College London) - “*Share Buybacks and Equity Valuation*”
- 11:15 – 11:45** — **Coffee Break**
- 11:45 – 13:00** — **Round Table – Banking and Finance**
- Moderator: **Guntram Wolff** (ULB)
 - Participants: **Marco Becht** (ULB), **Claudia Buch** (Chair, ECB Supervisory Board), **Xavier Freixas** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) and **Peter Praet** (ULB, former Chief Economist ECB)
- 13:00 – 14:00** — **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 16:05** — **Research Presentations (25 min each, chair: Georg Kirchsteiger (ULB))**
- **Philippe Aghion** (Nobel Prize 2025, Collège de France, INSEAD and London School of Economics) - “*Are ideas becoming harder to find?*”
 - **Bram De Rock** (ULB) - “*The value of marriage*”
 - **Jean-Charles Rochet** (Toulouse School of Economics) - “*Dynamic Efficiency with Private Information*”
 - **Lucrezia Reichlin** (London Business School)
 - **Patrick Rey** (Toulouse School of Economics)- “*Conglomerate mergers and the dynamics of innovation*”, joint with Marie-Laure Allain and Claire Chambolle
- 16:05 – 16:35** — **Coffee Break**
- 16:35 – 17:50** — **Round Table – Economics in theory vs Economics in practice: Views from the real world**
- Moderator: **Antonio Estache** (ULB)
 - Participants: **Pénélope Papandropoulos** (Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission), **Christophe Soil** (General Director of CHU Saint-Pierre), **Patrick Van Roy** (Senior advisor National Bank of Belgium), and **Alexis Walckiers** (Director, Brussels office of E.CA Economics)

DAY 2

08:30 – 09:00 — **Welcome Coffee**

09:00 – 09:20 — **Ecare(s) from 1991 to ? – Gerard Roland (ULB) and Paula Gobbi (ULB)**

09:20 – 11:25 — **Research Presentations (25 min each, chair: Mattia Nardotto (ULB))**

- **Eric Maskin** (Nobel Prize 2007, Harvard University) - “How to Improve the Proportional Representation Electoral System”
- **Patrick Legros** (ULB) - “Competing for the Quiet Life: An Organizational Theory of Market Structure” (paper joint with Andrew Newman and Zsolt Udavari)
- **Ian Jewitt** (Oxford University) - “Two robust informativeness principles”
- **Estelle Cantillon** (ULB) - “Designing and scaling up nature-based markets”
- **Filipp Ushchev** (ULB) - “Political competition in narratives” (joint with Georg Kirchsteiger, ULB)

11:25 – 11:55 — **Coffee Break**

11:55 – 13:10 — **Round Table – Innovation and Science**

- Moderator: **Glenn Magerman** (ULB)
- Participants: **Andreu Mas-Colell** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, former Secretary-General of the European Research Council (ERC)), **Helga Nowotny** (ETH Zurich, former President of the ERC), **André Sapir** (ULB) and **Reinhilde Veugelers** (KU Leuven)

13:10 – 14:00 — **Lunch break**

14:00 – 16:05 — **Research Presentations (25 min each, chair: Luca Merlino (ULB))**

- **Oliver Hart** (Nobel Prize 2016, Harvard University) - “How to Implement Shareholder Democracy” (joint with H el ene Landemore and Luigi Zingales)
- **Paola Conconi** (Oxford University) - “Trade Within Multinational Boundaries” (with Laura Alfaro, Fariha Kamal, and Zachary Kroff)
- **Abhijit Banerjee** (Nobel Prize 2019, University of Zurich and MIT) - “Target what? A conceptual and empirical exploration of the foundations of poverty targeting.”
- **Andrew Lo** (MIT) - “The Efficient Frontier of Biomedical Innovation: A Portfolio Approach to Financing Translational Science”
- **Geert Molenberghs** (KU Leuven and University of Hasselt) - “Biostatistics in a post-pandemic era: lessons learned for research, public health, drug and vaccine development, policy advice, and communication”

16:05 – 16:30 — **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 17:45 — **Round Table – Health (co-organized with I3h)**

- Moderator: **Micael Castanheira** (ULB)
- Participants: **Alain Fischer** (Coll ege de France and Institut Imagine), **Marius Gilbert** (ULB, Vice-Rector for Research), **Michel Goldman** (ULB, I3h), and **Erika Vlieghe** (University of Antwerp and UZA)

17:45 — **Farewell cocktail**