



## Market power trends: Evidence and implications for Germany and Europe

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Scientific Digital Workshop via Zoom

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The long-term development of business concentration and market power has attracted considerable international attention among researchers and policy makers. Current empirical research observes an intersectoral increase in the concentration and markups of companies, especially in the USA. In view of these findings, a possible link between reduced competition between companies and macroeconomic trends, such as a productivity growth slowdown, a declining labor share or rising income inequality, is currently being discussed.

Until recently, just a few studies were available in this area that focus on European economies. This lack of evidence for Germany and Europe is currently motivating many empirical research projects. This workshop is intended to contribute to the academic and policy discussion.

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Keynotes**  
Philipp Steinberg, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy  
Achim Wambach, ZEW - Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research and Monopolkommission
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Price Markups, Competition, and Productivity: Evidence from Germany**  
Bernhard Ganglmair, ZEW - Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Estimating Markups in the Netherlands**  
Gerrit Hugo van Heuvelen, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis
- 10:00-10:15 **Break**
- 10:15-10:45 **Mark-ups in the digital era**  
Luca Marcolin, OECD and KU Leuven
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Mergers and Market Power: Evidence from Rivals' Responses in European Markets**  
Joel Stiebale, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Break**
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Market Concentration in Europe: Antitrust Markets vs. Industries**  
Tomaso Duso, DIW Berlin and TU Berlin
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Common Ownership and Rising Markups**  
Jan Philip Schain, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics

Participants and other researchers are invited to contribute their papers to a refereed Special Issue of the [Journal of Economics and Statistics / Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik](#) (submission deadline 31 August 2020). For details see the [Call for papers](#) or contact one of the guest editors.

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