

ACE 2025 DRAFT PROGRAM*

14-15 November 2025

Hosted by LUISS University (Rome)

*updates will follow soon

14 NOVEMBER 2025 Friday

10h20-10h30 Opening and Welcome

10h30-12h00 Plenary I: Effective remedies in digital cases

Elisabetta Iossa [AGCM], Jon Orszag [Econic Partners], Alexandre de Cornière [TSE]

Chair: Liliane Karlinger [DG Competition]

12h00-12h30 Registration

12h30-13h50 Lunch

13h50-15h05 Parallel Sessions A

A.1 National merger
CNMC – BBVA/Sabadell

Merger in banking

Chair: Alexander Elbittar [Coprocom]

Agency: Ane Martín [CNMC]
Consultant: Valerio Sodano [RBB]
Academic: TBC

A.2 National Antitrust
DCCA – Coloplast

Margin squeeze in pharma

Chair: Greg Wilkinson [BRG]

Agency: Jesper Toelberg Bjerre and Oliver Kobæk [DCCA]
Consultant: Søren Andersen [Kromann Reumert]
Academic: Thomas Ronde [Copenhagen Business School]

A.3 Merger policy session
ACM – experiences from DPG/RTL merger

Merger policy session on pluralism in media

Chair: Timo Klein [Oxera]

Agency: Freek van Gils [ACM], Simeon Thornton [Ofcom]
Consultant: Alexander van Oeveren [RBB]
Academic: TBC

15h05-15h35 Coffee Break

15h35-17h05 Plenary II: Competition policy, industrial policy, and growth

Emanuele Tarantino [DG Comp], Aviv Nevo [G. A. Weiss and L. Bravo Weiss Professor of Economics and Marketing], Damien Neven [The Graduate Institute], Ana Sofia Rodrigues [Portuguese Competition Authority]

Chair: Barbara Veronese [Oxera]

17h05-17h15 Break

17h15-18h30 Parallel Sessions B

B.1 EC Antitrust EC – Teva Copaxone <i>Abuse of dominance in pharma</i>	B.2 National Merger Germany – Ansys/SafeParent <i>Digital merger</i>	B.3 National antitrust CAT/Ofcom – Justin Le Patourel v BT Group <i>Private action excessive pricing claim</i>
Chair: Alexis Walckiers [ECA]	Chair: Benno Buehler [CRA]	Chair: Otto Toivanen [Aalto University]
Agency: Apostolos Baltzopoulos [DG Comp] Consultant: Dean Curry [RBB] Academic: Melissa Newham [ETH Zurich]	Agency: Lieselotte Locher, Elisabeth Borchert [BKA] Consultant: Annabelle Jochem [RBB] Academic: Germain Gaudin [University of Freiburg]	Agency: Luisa Affuso [Ofcom] Consultant: Helen Jenkins [Oxera] & Sam Law [Frontier Economics] Academic: Massimo Motta [Universitat Pompeu Fabra and BSE]

15 NOVEMBER 2025 Saturday

09h00-10h30 Special Policy Session: Consolidation in the telecom industry – The Vodafone/Three case and other recent developments

Introduction Telecom study: Chiara Cirignaco [DG Comp]

Mike Walker [CMA], Dave Foster [Frontier], Andrea Coscelli [Keystone], Tommaso Valletti [Imperial College London]

Chair: Griet Jans [BCA]

10h30-11h00 Best Paper Award

Stephanie Assad, Robert Clark, Daniel Ershov, and Lei Xu “Algorithmic Pricing and Competition: Empirical Evidence from the German Retail Gasoline Market” Journal of Political Economy 2024 132:3, 723-771

Chair: Yossi Spiegel [Tel Aviv University]

11h00-11h30 Coffee Break

11h30-12h45 Parallel Sessions C

C.1 National Antitrust

Italy – Bio-compostable shopping bags

Abuse of dominance in bio compounds

Chair: Giulio Federico [Oxera]

Agency: Nicoletta de Mucci and Vincenzo Cirrito [AGCM]

Consultant: Livia De Simone [LEAR]

Academic: Chiara Fumagalli [Bocconi University]

C.2 National Merger

Sweden – Apotekstjänst/Svensk dos

Merger in health care

Chair: Tuomas Haanpera [Copenhagen Economics]

Agency: Diego Gomez Ruales and Andreas Slotte [Konkurrensverket]

Consultant: Niklas Strand & Else Christensen [RBB]

Academic: Jan Bouckaert [Universiteit Antwerpen]

C.3 National Antitrust

Switzerland – Deponie Höli Liestal AG

Abuse of dominance in construction waste

Chair: Matteo Foschi [CRA]

Agency: Christophe Brunner [ComCo]

Consultant: Yves Schneider [Polynomics]

Academic: Igor Letina [University of Bern]

12h45-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h00 Keynote Speech:

Chad Syverson [University of Chicago Booth School of Business]

Chair: Raphaël De Coninck [CRA]

15h00-15h35 Coffee Break

15h35-16h50 Parallel Sessions D

D.1 EC Policy session EC – Foreign Subsidies Regulation	D.2 National Antitrust Greece – ATM Fees	D.3 National Antitrust Israel – Port of Ashdod
<i>Policy session</i>	<i>Cartel in banking sector</i>	<i>Abuse of dominance in the ports industry</i>
Chair: Florian Mockel [Compass Lexecon]	Chair: Bert Willekens [BMA]	Chair: Menachem Perlman [Perlman Eilat & Co]
Agency: Fernando Louge & Rossitza Kotzeva [DG COMP] Consultant: Peter Davis [Brattle Group] Academic: Carolina Villegas [ESADE]	Agency: Panagiotis Fotis [HCC] Consultant: Angelos Stenimachitis [Compass Lexecon] Academic: Xavier Vives [IESE Business School]	Agency: Assaf Eilat [Perlman Eilat & Co, former CE of IIA] Consultant: Adi Ayal [Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University] Academic: Yaron Yehezkel [Collier School of Economics, Tel Aviv University]

16h50-17h00 Break

17h00-18h30 Plenary III: Competition enforcement and AI – What have we learned from the cases so far?

Emilio Calvano (LUISS), Oliver Latham (CRA), Yann Guthmann (AdIC)

Chair: Jenny Haydock [CMA]

20h00-23h00 Conference Dinner

20h00 Arrival with drinks

20h15 Introduction

20h30 Dinner

CHATHAM HOUSE RULES

To allow a free exchange of ideas, presentations at ACE are subject to Chatham House rules

CONFERENCE VENUE – Practical information see below

LUISS 

Università di Roma

University Campus at Viale Romania, 32, 00197 Rome

Building *The Dome*

DINNER VENUE

Details will follow soon

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Hotels in the neighbourhood of the conference venue

By selecting “alberghi e strutture ricettive” from the menu, you can access the full list of partner hotels LUISS regularly work with. You can find them here:

<https://www.luiss.it/studenti/convenzioni>

- Radisson Blu GHR Rome : <https://www.luiss.it/convenzione/30f5d18b-4df6-4086-96c4-c75412218752>
- The Hoxton: <https://thehoxton.com/it/italy/rome/>
- Hilton Garden Inn Rome Claridge: <https://www.hilton.com/it/hotels/romrcgi-hilton-garden-inn-rome-claridge/>
- Villa Duse (historic residence): <https://hotelvilladuse.com/it/contatti-villa-duse-roma-centro>
- Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa (a bit farther): <https://www.parcodeiprincipi.com/>

Some other hotels in the neighborhood:

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Getting to Rome

By plane

Rome is served by two airports:

- Fiumicino (FCO), located 35 km from Luiss University, Viale Romania Campus
- Ciampino (CIA), located 20 km from Luiss University, Viale Romania Campus

By train

The main train station is Roma Termini, located 5 km far from Luiss University, Viale Romania Campus.

National, regional and international trains and the Leonardo Express train to Fiumicino Airport leave from Roma Termini.

To book Leonardo Express train to Fiumicino Airport, please visit <https://www.trenitalia.com/en/services/leonardo-express.html>

It's possible to reach Fiumicino Airport also by regional train line <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>

By Bus Shuttle Services

Several bus shuttle services leaving from Termini station to both Fiumicino and Ciampino airports are also available. The main companies are listed below:

- Terravision <https://www.terravision.eu/>
- Sit Bus Shuttle https://www.sitbusshuttle.com/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=126571760&gbraid=0AAAAADzvrOD0bnT1-pPOSVEvWTckn6-kT&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIis3cjaiXkAMVpZ2DBx1QCC3YEAAAYASAAEgKE8vD_BwE
- Tambus <https://www.tambus.it/>

All shuttle companies offer connections every 30 minutes Monday to Sunday. Travel time is approximately 50 minutes. Tickets can be bought on board and online.

By car

A1 ('Autostrada del Sole') runs from Milano to Napoli through Bologna, Firenze and Roma. Exit at 'Roma centro' to reach Luiss.

Getting to Luiss University from Roma Termini train station

By taxi: Estimated taxi fare is €15

By bus: Bus 223 or 360 or 910 (about 25 minutes)

By car: Luiss is located in the Parioli area, in the northern part of the city. There are no traffic limitations in this area. Parking at Luiss is not permitted.

Bus and Metro tickets

Rome has an integrated public transport network that includes metro, bus, tram and urban railway service. There are 3 metro lines: A, B and C. They circulate from 5.30am to 11.30pm. On Friday and Saturday, the service is extended until 1.30am.

More info: <https://www.atac.roma.it/en>

Tickets must be bought before boarding the bus, metro or tram, and must be validated at the beginning of the journey. Passengers found without a valid ticket will have to pay a fine between € 50 and € 100.

Atac also offers a new ticket payment method via smartphone: <https://www.atac.roma.it/biglietti-e-abbonamenti/tap-and-go>

More info:

<https://www.atac.roma.it/en/utility/sales-channels/ticket-offices>

<https://www.atac.roma.it/en/tickets-and-passes>

Taxi

To book a Taxi, call 06.3570. It is uncommon to hail a cab in the street. Instead, you generally need to wait at a designated taxi rank or book it in advance.

Taxi Apps are also available, such as Free Now, it Taxi, Wetaxi (and many others). These can sometimes be quicker and easier to use than the phone lines.

It is strongly recommended to specify if you want to pay by credit card, either while reserving the pick-up service or while getting into a taxi.

Please ensure you use a licensed taxi. These are painted white, have "taxi" lights on the roof, and have Comune di Roma decals (with the taxi's license number) on the doors.

Taxi fares

Taxi from Ciampino Airport to Rome: 40 euros

Taxi from Fiumicino Airport to Rome: 55 euros

More info on taxi fares <https://romamobilita.it/it/muoversiaroma/taxi>

Car Sharing

An alternative to public transport in Rome is Car and Scooter Sharing, which has recently become a very valid option to move around the city.

There are several companies offering this service. For further information and details about the terms of use, please visit the following websites:

- Car Sharing:

- <https://car-sharing.romamobilita.it/site/romamobilita.php?l=en>

- <https://enjoy.eni.com/en>

- https://www.free2move.com/it/en/car-sharing/rome-ppc5/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=SN_Roma_PROS_SEA_Brand_F2M_LP&utm_term=car+to+go+roma&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22149563944&gbraid=0AAAAADM_ANJn9GRumEqAiz4rRYKvXudi1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMImLzc86iXkAMVeaiDBx2f_gNyEAAYASAAEgLa0fD_BwE

- Scooter Sharing

- <https://cooltra.com/en/>

- <https://www.onmovo.com/en/scooter-rental-rome/>

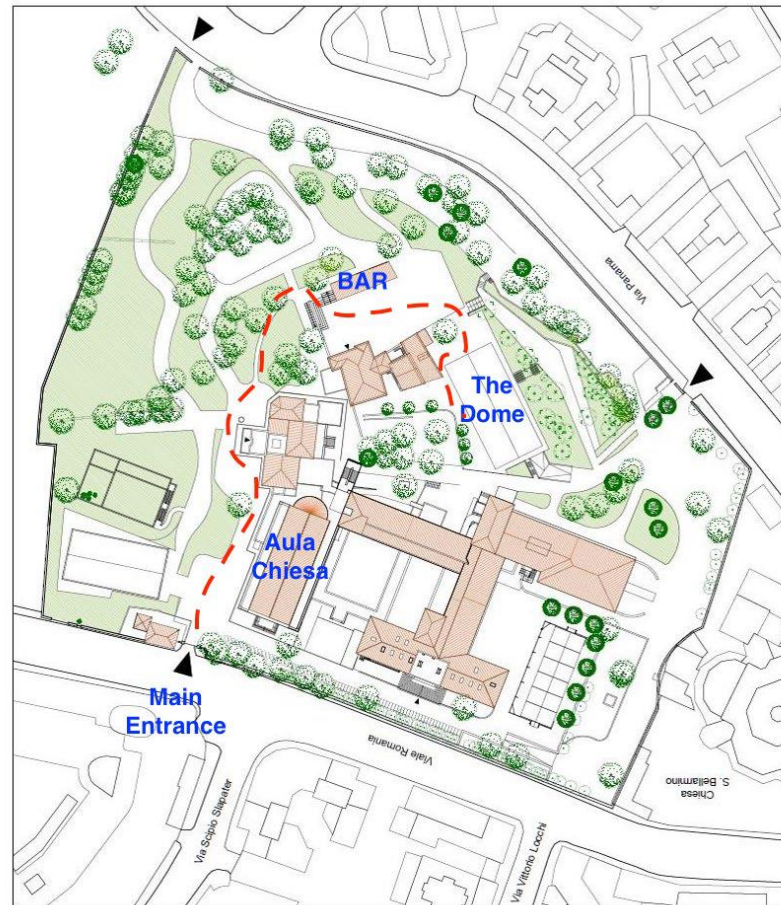
ACE Conference – The Dome, Luiss Campus

The easiest way to reach the Dome is to enter through the main gates on Viale Romania 32, opposite to the entrance of the Carabinieri barracks.

Upon entrance, you will find the Aula Chiesa building on your right. Head alongside the left side of the Aula Chiesa building until you reach a small garden with trees.

Take the middle path in the garden. At the end of the path turn right and go down the stairs: you will reach the Bar area.

Cross the Bar area and turn right, you will find the Dome right in front of you.



See the map of the Luiss Campus area: