

## CELIS NOW

### “THE AGE OF OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY”

#### +++DRAFT PROGRAMME+++

(SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS)

Thursday, 11 May 2023

BLOMSTEIN at Soho House Berlin  
Torstraße 1, 10119 Berlin

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#### CONFERENCE OPENING

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- 14.00 – 14.30 CEST **OPENING REMARKS**  
by *Jonas Fechter (University of Münster)* and *Janosch Wiesenthal (University of Passau)*
- 14.30 – 15.00 CEST **OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
by *David Krappitz and Friederike Wenkel (German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Investment Screening Division)*
- 15.00 – 15.30 CEST **FIRST EXPERIENCES WITH THE COOPERATION MECHANISM UNDER THE FDI SCREENING REGULATION**  
by *Célia Chausse (Deputy Head of Department, Investment Screening Division of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Economy and Labour)*
- 15.30 – 16.00 CEST *Networking and Refreshment Break*

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#### 16.00 – 17.30 CEST **SESSION I: THE DOCTRINE OF OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY – A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CHARACTERISTICS AND RELATIONS**

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Chair: *Assistant Prof. Dr. Lena Hornkohl (University of Vienna)*

##### **Open Strategic Autonomy as the Economic Security Doctrine of the EU**

Speaker: *Wolf Zwartkuis (University of Leiden)*

##### **The defensive and proactive dimensions of open strategic autonomy: Towards strengthened EU public economic intervention?**

Speaker: *Enrico Tinti (University of Bologna)*

##### **The role of the EU and Member States in pursuing Open Strategic Autonomy: Coherence as a Hindrance or a Strength of a European Foreign Economic Policy?**

Speaker: *Thijs De Cuyper (University of Leuven)*



**The 'Strategy' of an 'Open Economy': Doctrinal Innovation v. Fastidious Protectionism**

Speaker: *Argha Kumar Jena (UNINETTUNO University Rome)*

**Red flags and anti-corruption due diligence in investment arbitration and beyond**

Speaker: *Aleksander Kalisz (King's College London)*

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**EVENING PROGRAM**

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18.00 CEST      **DRINKS RECEPTION AND BARBECUE AT BLOMSTEIN (ROOFTOP TERRACE)**  
Oranienburger Straße 66, 10117 Berlin  
*courtesy of BLOMSTEIN*

**Friday, 12 May 2023**

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER  
Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

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9.00 – 9.10 CEST      **A MESSAGE FROM THE CELIS INSTITUTE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Speakers: *Jens Hillebrand Pohl, PhD (CELIS Institute),  
Assistant Prof. Dr. Lena Hornkohl (University of Vienna) and  
Prof. Dr. Steffen Hindelang (CELIS Institute)*

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9.10 – 10.30 CEST      **SESSION II: FOREIGN INVESTMENT SCREENING – CURRENT TRENDS AND PERSPECTIVES**

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Chair:      *Prof. Dr. Steffen Hindelang (CELIS Institute)*

**Gun Jumping" and Foreign Investment Control – Terra incognita or Merger Control 2.0?**

Speakers: *Sophie Bohnert (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien) and  
Daniel Peter Schmidt (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien)*

**FDI regimes and geo-political challenges beyond the European Union: Overview, Perspectives and Future Trends of national(?) security concerns**

Speaker: *Federica Marconi (Uniroma 2)*

**Open Strategic Autonomy, Foreign Investment Security & Europe's Periphery**

Speaker: *Manu Misra (Getulio Vargas Foundation)*

**Investment Screening and Free Movement of Capital: Finally a Chance to untangle the obvious Overlaps? [working title]**

Speaker: *Janosch Wiesenthal (University of Passau)*

10.30 – 11.00 CEST      *Networking and Refreshment Break*



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11:00 – 12:30 CEST **SESSION III: THE TOOLBOX OF FOREIGN TRADE – A PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVE**

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Chair: *Jonas Fechter (University of Münster)*

**M&A Transactions, FDI Screening and the challenges of timing and information collection**

Speaker: *Stephan Müller (Oppenhoff)*

**Legal Redress in Investment Screening Procedures [working title]**

Speaker: *Dr. Uwe Salaschek (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)*

**National Security Concerns Related to Foreign Investment in Critical Infrastructures, as Exemplified by the Transport Sector**

Speaker: *Dr. Leonard v. Rummel (BLOMSTEIN)*

**Investment Screening in France [working title]**

Speaker: *Pierre Voegeli (Investment Screening Division of the French Ministry for Finance, Economy and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty)*

12.45 – 13.45 CEST **LUNCH AT FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER**  
*courtesy of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

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14:00 – 15:30 CEST **SESSION IV: OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY – WHAT ELSE THAN FDI SCREENING?**

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Chair: *Merit Olthoff (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)*

**The EU's open strategic autonomy: what role for EU sanctions law?**

Speaker: *Georgia Tzifa (Wilmer Hale, Brussels)*

**The Foreign Subsidies Regulation – An instrument to create a resilient economy or protectionism?**

Speaker: *Ramona Ader (BLOMSTEIN)*

**Concordia discors? A preliminary assessment of the coherence between the Foreign Subsidies Regulation and Subsidization in Europe**

Speaker: *Pierfrancesco Mattiolo (University of Antwerp)*

**The Anti-Coercion-Instrument – A new chapter for EU foreign policy?**

Speaker: *Jonas Fechter (University of Münster)*

15.30 – 16.00 CEST *Networking and Refreshment Break*



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16.00 – 17.30 CEST **SESSION V: OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Chair: *Janosch Wiesenthal (University of Passau)*

**Foreign Direct Investment Screening and the Notion of Security**

Speaker: *Kilian Wagner (University of Vienna)*

**Policization of the 5G Rollout: What Role for International Economic Law**

Speaker: *Dr. Iryna Bogdanova (World Trade Institute)*

**What role can FDI screening assume within the Open Strategic Autonomy Agenda?**

Speaker: *Andrea Gemmi (Bonelli Erede Lombardi Pappalardo Law Firm)*

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**EVENING PROGRAM**

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18.00 – 19.30 CEST **DINNER AT [TBD]**  
*courtesy of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

20.00 CEST **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*by Jonas Fechter (University of Münster) and  
Janosch Wiesenthal (University of Passau)*

**Saturday, 13 May 2023**

**Brandenburger Tor, Pariser Platz**

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11.00 – 13.00 CEST **WALKING TOUR – CITY SIGHTS OF BERLIN**  
*courtesy of Jonas Fechter and Janosch Wiesenthal*

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