

# ESTALI Spring Forum – Programme

23 May 2025 | Brussels



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| Time        | Room: Groene zaal   | Room: Rode zaal   | Room: Zwarte zaal   |
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| 08.30-09.00 | Registration  |   |   |
| 09.00-09.15 | Welcome remarks<br><b>Wolfgang Andreae, Jan Blockx &amp; Wout De Cock</b>   | /   | /   |
| 09.15-10.15 | <b>Chair: Caroline Buts</b><br><br>Keynote <b>Judge Anna Marcoulli</b>  | /   | /   |
| 10.15-10.45 | Coffee break  |   |   |
|             | <b>Session 1a - The Green Transition</b>  | <b>Session 1b - Procedural Law</b>  | <b>Session 1c - Strategic Autonomy</b>  |
| 10.45-12.30 | <p><b>Chair: Michael Schütte</b></p> <p><b>Melissa Bantle, Phil-Adrian Klotz and Johannes Paha</b> - Charging Ahead: The Impact of Funding Programs on the Charging Infrastructure in Germany<br/><i>Discussant: Magdalena Porzeżyńska</i></p> <p><b>Charles Malvaux, Wout De Cock and Nikolas Vander Vennet</b> - Unicorn no more, a Northvolt case study<br/><i>Discussant: Sonia Stoyanova</i></p> <p><b>Magdalena Porzeżyńska</b> - State aid and industrial policy - Challenges and Opportunities in the Green Transformation<br/><i>Discussants: Melissa Bantle, Phil-Adrian Klotz and Johannes Paha</i></p> <p><b>Sonia Stoyanova, Caroline Buts and Didier Caluwaerts</b> - State aid and clean tech: a systematic literature review<br/><i>Discussant: Charles Malvaux</i></p> | <p><b>Chair: Wout De Cock</b></p> <p><b>Mario Barbano</b> - Adding the environmental perspective to State aid control: the role of interested parties and environmental NGOs<br/><i>Discussant: Alessandro Cogoni</i></p> <p><b>Francesca Cagossi</b> - Interested Parties in EU State Aid Law: lost in the process<br/><i>Discussant: Maria Segura</i></p> <p><b>Alessandro Cogoni</b> - State Aid Complainants' Rights, Between Evolution and Involution<br/><i>Discussant: Mario Barbano</i></p> <p><b>Maria Segura</b> - Procedural rights in actions for annulment of State aid Decisions<br/><i>Discussant: Francesca Cagossi</i></p> | <p><b>Chair: Lena Hornkohl</b></p> <p><b>Lorenzo Rodio Nico</b> - State Aid Law and EU Regulation: The Paradox of State Aid Flexibilization for Techno-Economic Sovereignty<br/><i>Discussant: You Wang</i></p> <p><b>Alix Mengin and Delphine Abramowitz</b> - State aid and the search for strategic autonomy<br/><i>Discussant: Lorenzo Rodio Nico</i></p> <p><b>Indra Vonck and Mychal Langenus</b> - Navigating Change: The Impact of State Aid and Strategic Autonomy in Belgian Ports<br/><i>Discussants: Chloé Spyrtatos, Alix Mengin and Constance Lubet</i></p> <p><b>You Wang</b> - EU-China NEV subsidy disputes in the new geoeconomic order<br/><i>Discussants: Indra Vonck and Mychal Langenus</i></p> |
| 12.30-13.30 | Lunch break   |   |   |

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|             | <b>Session 2a - Green Deal</b>  | <b>Session 2b - State aid and (crisis) policy</b>  | <b>Session 2c - 'State aid' criteria</b>   |
| 13.30-15.00 | <p><b>Chair: Nicole Robins</b></p> <p><b>Graça da Costa</b> - The challenges and opportunities brought by the European Green Deal<br/><i>Discussant: Bernhard von Wendland</i></p> <p><b>Kerstin Schatz</b> - How do the EU State aid rules influence the implementation of the Green Deal<br/><i>Discussant: Graça da Costa</i></p> <p><b>Bernhard von Wendland</b> - Financing a just transition. State aid for social enterprises<br/><i>Discussant: Kerstin Schatz</i></p>  | <p><b>Chair: Jan Blockx</b></p> <p><b>Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey</b> - State aid during crisis: between flexibility and a level playing field<br/><i>Discussant: Sofia Tzortzi</i></p> <p><b>Maria O'Brien</b> - State aid and creative industries: a multi-perspectival approach to instrumentalize policies<br/><i>Discussants: Fjoralba Caka and Krisztina Mezey</i></p> <p><b>Sofia Tzortzi and Antonis Metaxas</b> - Are Protections Under International Investment Law inherently State aid?<br/><i>Discussant: Maria O'Brien</i></p> | <p><b>Chair: Maria Segura</b></p> <p><b>Grith Skovgaard Ølykke and Caroline Buts</b> - State Control and the Evolving Concept of Imputability<br/><i>Discussants: Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo</i></p> <p><b>Jakub Pawelec</b> - Hidden forms of State aid and the activities of the State-owned enterprises<br/><i>Discussants: Grith Skovgaard Ølykke</i></p> <p><b>Lena Hornkohl and Pierfrancesco Mattiolo</b> - 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<br/><i>Discussant: Jakub Pawelec</i></p> |
| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee break  |  |  |
|             | <b>Session 3a - State aid, Energy and sustainability</b>  | <b>Session 3b - Public Procurement &amp; Investment Law</b>  | <b>Session 3c - State aid Modernisation</b>  |
| 15.30-17.00 | <p><b>Chair: Leigh Hancher</b></p> <p><b>Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes</b> - Evaluating State Aid for Renewable Energy<br/><i>Discussants: Robin Vandendriessche</i></p> <p><b>Umberto Di Francia, Francesco Maria Salerno and Marco Grantalio</b> - The Fragmentation of State aid: the case of the energy sector<br/><i>Discussants: Caroline Buts and Seppe Maes</i></p> <p><b>Caroline Buts, Graça da Costa, Ilona Kyrashchuk, Songyue Li and Robin Vandendriessche</b> - Sustainability Principles in the State aid environmental guidelines and decisional practice<br/><i>Discussants: Umberto Di Francia, Francesco Maria Salerno and Franco Grantalio</i></p> | <p><b>Chair: Grith Skovgaard Ølykke</b></p> <p><b>Andreas Bartosch</b> - Regulatory measures and State aid<br/><i>Discussant: Dionysios Pelekis</i></p> <p><b>Dionysios Pelekis</b> - Procurement in the Context of R&amp;D&amp;I<br/><i>Discussant: Cecilie Fanø Petersen</i></p> <p><b>Cecilie Fanø Petersen</b> - State aid and Public Procurement<br/><i>Discussant: Andreas Bartosch</i></p>  | <p><b>Chair: Antonis Metaxas</b></p> <p><b>Sonsoles Centeno</b> - Enforcement Modernisation<br/><i>Discussant: Geertje van Heezik</i></p> <p><b>Péter Staviczyk</b> - State aid, Hungary and the GBER<br/><i>Discussant: Sonsoles Centeno</i></p> <p><b>Greetje van Heezik and Antonia Vegt</b> - Are the State aid rules a matter of a public policy?<br/><i>Discussant: Péter Staviczyk</i></p>  |
| 17.00-17.45 | <p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Antonios Bouchagiar</b></p>  |  |  |