

NIE Annual Conference 1-2 April 2004

PROGRAMME

Please note that all sessions will be held in *Conference Centre Meeting Room 2*, and teas and coffees will be served in the foyer of the Conference Centre.

Thursday 1st April:

- 13:00 – 14:00 Registration (Foyer, Conference Centre)
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Mike Waterson** (Chair of NIE) – Welcome
- 14:15 – 15:15 **Klaus Abbink** (Nottingham)
[Price Competition Under Cost Uncertainty: A Laboratory Analysis](#)
- 15:15 – 15:45 Tea
- 15:45 – 16:45 **George Symeonidis** (Essex)
[Collusion, Bargaining and Welfare](#)
- 16:45 – 17:45 **Martin Pesendorfer** (LSE)
[Identification and Estimation of Dynamic Games](#)
- 18:45 *Departure by Coach to Santé, Lancaster*
- 19:00 – 19:45 Drinks reception, Santé Lounge
- 19:45 – 22:00 Dinner and talk by **Adrian Payne** (senior mergers economist, OFT)
Evaluating Mergers: How Useful is Economics?
- 22:00 Coach to Lancaster University. Bar extension on campus.

Friday 2nd April:

- 8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast (Cartmel Restaurant)
- 9:15 – 10:15 **Frank Verboven** (KU-Leuven)
[Liberalizing a Distribution System: The European Car Market](#)
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Katy Graddy** (Oxford)
An Empirical Study of Paintings that Fail at Auction
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Rob Mason** (Southampton)
[The Failing Firm Defence: Merger Policy and Entry](#)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (Cartmel Restaurant)
- 14:15 – 15:15 **Neil Gandal** (Tel Aviv)
[Ain't it "Suite"? Strategic Bundling in the PC Office Software Market](#)
- 15:15 – 16:15 **Roman Inderst** (LSE)
[Retail Mergers, Buyer Power and Product Variety](#)
- 16:15 Afternoon Tea and departure