



60 Years Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition Fostering Openness and Diversity in AI Innovation and Competition and Three Years UPC – Perspectives from the Sidelines

Conference of the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
in collaboration with the MPI Alumni Association

9 October 2026, 11:00–18:00 (CET)

18:30 – Evening Reception Lenbachhaus

Max Planck Institute, Herzog-Max-Str. 4, Munich, Auditorium

11:00 Welcome Address

Prof. Dietmar Harhoff, Ph.D., Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
Prof. Dr. Josef Drexler, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
Dr. Moritz Sutterer, MPI Alumni Association

11:30 Three Years UPC – Perspectives from the Sidelines

Panellists:

- **Paul van Beukering**, Manager Intellectual Property Unit at Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Deputy Chair of the Unified Patent Court Administrative Committee
- **Emmanuel Gougé**, Judge at UPC Court of Appeal
- **Dr. Luc Desaunettes-Barbero**, Associate Professor at Université de Namur
- **Dr. Tomasz Targosz**, Jagiellonian University Kraków and Law Firm TKP Kraków

Moderation:

Dr. Peter R. Slowinski, Affiliated Research Fellow MPI

13:15 Lunch Break

Fostering Openness and Diversity in AI Innovation and Competition

14:15 Panel I – Licensing in AI: Modalities of Openness and Effects on Innovation and Market Entry

Panellists:

- **Dr. Lisa Käde**, Lawyer at JBVINOL
- **Dr. Cailean Osborne**, Head of Ecosystem Development at probabl
- **Dr. Elizabeth Seger**, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change
- **Razvan Ion Radulescu**, Co-Founder & CTO at Bevel; Author and Maintainer UTCP

Moderation:

Dominik Asam, Junior Research Fellow MPI



15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 Panel II – Diversity in AI Innovation and Competition

Panellists:

- **Prof. Manuel Hoffmann**, UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business and founder, AI Lab at UCI
- **Prof. Dr. Tobias Kretschmer**, Imperial College Business School and LMU München
- **Prof. Dr. Rupprecht Podszun**, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, President ASCOLA and Member of the German “Monopolkommission”

Moderation:

Dr. Daria Kim, Senior Research Fellow MPI

18:30 Get Together at the Lenbachhaus

Throughout the evening Guided Tours (Der Blaue Reiter)

19:30 Conference Dinner (Restaurant Ella/Lenbachhaus)

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