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WEDNESDAY

1 July 2026 · UCL Bentham House

Morning
ASCOLA Advisory Board Meeting · G20

11:00–12:00
Registration & Welcome Buffet
Hub + Cissy Chu, 1st Floor

OFFICIAL OPENING · DHLT (160)
12:00–13:00
'The Impact of Competition Law Scholarship'
Chair: Rupperecht Podszun, HHU Düsseldorf
Maria Luisa Stasi (Article 19) · Simon Holmes (Competition Appeal Tribunal)
Valentine Korah Prize announcement — Ioannis Lianos, UCL

13:05–14:35 · Parallel Session 1 (6 panels · 90 min)
› Digital Antitrust — Foundations I
› DMA & Digital Regulations I
› Interoperability
› DMA & Digital Regulations II
› Digital Ecosystems
› Private Enforcement

14:35–14:50
Coffee Break

14:50–16:40 · Parallel Session 2 (5 panels · 110 min)
› Enforcers' Watch
› Liability & Remedies
› Abuse of Dominance I
› Regulatory Policy
› Digital Antitrust II

16:40–16:50
Stretching Break

PLENARY 1 · DHLT (160)
16:50–18:20
Competition Law in a Fractured World: Public-Private Enforcement & Global Governance
Chair: Alison Jones, KCL
Lord Bellamy KC · Juliette Enser (CMA) · Eleanor Fox (NYU) · Judge Damjan Kukovec (ECJ) · Ioannis Lianos (UCL) · Vivien Terrien (French CA) · Prof. Caio Mario S. Pereira Neto (FGV) · Sir Peter Roth



UCL Portico — venue for the Day 1 Reception

18:30 onwards
Standing Reception — UCL Portico Building
Iconic 200-year bicentenary venue · All registered delegates

After reception
Pub Crawl — Soho, Central London

THURSDAY

2 July 2026 · UCL Bentham House

08:45–09:00
Morning Coffee · Hub + Cissy Chu

09:00–11:15 · Parallel Session 3 (6 panels · 135 min)
› AI, Blockchain & New Tech I
› Political Economy
› Geopolitics & Resilience
› Digital Antitrust II
› History & Theory
› Merger Control

11:15–11:30
Coffee Break

PLENARY 2 · DHLT (160)
11:30–13:00
Regional Chapter Panel
Chair: Thomas Cheng, HKU
Eckart Bueren (Göttingen) · Kati Cseres (Amsterdam) · Filippo Lancieri (Georgetown) · Or Brook (Oxford) · Juliana Oliveira Domingues (Brazil)

13:00–14:00
Lunch · Hub + Cissy Chu

14:00–15:45 · Parallel Session 4 (5 panels · 105 min)
› Competition Law & Innovation
› Algorithms & Competition
› Abuse of Dominance II
› AI & New Tech II
› DMA & Digital Regulations III

15:45–16:05
Coffee Break

PLENARY 3 — KEYNOTE · DHLT (160)
16:05–17:45
Capitalism's New 'Code': Rethinking the Role of Competition Law
Chair: Ioannis Lianos, UCL
Keynote: Luigi Zingales (University of Chicago)
Christel Koop (KCL) · Michal Gal (Haifa) · Dina Waked (Sciences Po) · Stavros Makris (UCL) · Giorgio Monti (Tilburg) · Chris Townley (KCL) · Spencer Weber Waller (Loyola)



Goodenough College — venue for the Conference Dinner

18:00–23:00
Conference Dinner — Goodenough College
Pre-dinner drinks · Seated dinner · Music & dancing · Surprises in store!

FRIDAY

3 July 2026 · KCL Bush House

09:00–09:30
Morning Coffee · BH Arcade Café

09:30–11:30 · Parallel Session 5 — Stream 3: Pitching Ideas (6 panels)
› AI & Competition Law
› Finance, Labour & Innovation
› Political Economy
› Resilience & Security
› Algorithms & Data
› Competition Foundations

11:30–11:45
Coffee Break

PLENARY 4 · BH AUDITORIUM (200)
11:45–12:45
From Dune Spice Cartels to Omni-Consumer Products (Robocop): Sci-Fi Scenarios for Antitrust
Chair: Ioannis Lianos, UCL
Anush Ganesh · Lyuxing Tao · Hans Vedder

GENERAL ASSEMBLY · BH AUDITORIUM
12:45–13:30
ASCOLA General Assembly



KCL Bush House — Farewell Reception venue

13:30 onwards
Farewell Reception & Lunch — KCL Bush House Arcade
Final farewells, wrap-up discussions, refreshments

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — OPTIONAL

3 July



River Thames — Afternoon Tea Cruise

15:15–17:00 · £59/person
Thames Afternoon Tea Cruise
Tower Millennium Pier · Scenic 90-min cruise · Full afternoon tea service · Pre-booking required

Evening · Day 3
Pub Crawl — Dalston, East London
For those still in London Friday evening — hop between Dalston's legendary East End pubs to close out ASCOLA 2026

Hopping between Soho's best pubs and bars – a great way to explore one of London's most vibrant neighbourhoods

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SATURDAY — OPTIONAL

4 July — Choose one



Cambridge – Punting on the River Cam

Day trip · Option A

 Cambridge Day Trip & Punting

Punt along the River Cam past the historic colleges of Cambridge – a perfect, relaxing way to conclude ASCOLA 2026. Further details coming soon.

Day trip · Option B

 Greenwich Day Trip

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Greenwich – the Cutty Sark, the Royal Naval College, the Royal Observatory and the riverside. A quintessential London experience. Further details coming soon.

 Venues & Contact

Days 1 & 2: UCL Bentham House, 4–8 Endsleigh Gardens, WC1H 0EG

Day 3: KCL Bush House, 30 Aldwych, WC2B 4BG

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