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The programme features morning lectures by international faculty on current topics in innovation economics, the economics of science and intellectual property rights, empirical competition analysis, and contemporary issues in industrial organization. In the afternoon, participants present their own work in small-group student workshops with faculty discussants. Dedicated research workshops on empirical methods and analytical tools complement the programme.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

» **Jan Eeckhout** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Barcelona School of Economics, ES)

SPEAKERS

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