

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Summary

Dr Alexis Walckiers is a Director in the Brussels office, where he specializes in merger procedures, abuses, damages and state aid at the Belgian and EU level. Before joining E.CA, he was Chief Economist of the Belgian Competition Authority between 2010 and 2020. As Chief Economist, he sat on the board of the Authority and advised both investigation teams and Competition Colleges on the use of economic tools in competition cases. He has therefore advised on many cases in a range of industries. Alexis also represented the Belgian Competition Authority in international fora and served as the President of the Association of Competition Economics. He holds degrees in philosophy and physics, as well as a PhD in Economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, where he teaches microeconomics to business students. He has published several papers in competition and economic journals, including the Journal of the European Economic Association. He has previously advised the Minister of Economic Affairs on competition issues and he has worked for an economics consultancy.

Professional experience

Since 2020	<p>Director at E.CA Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mergers e.g. in the following sectors: car dealerships, wholesale pharmaceuticals, processed food industry, audiovisual, parcel delivery and telecoms • Claims for damages arising from alleged abuses of dominance (telecoms) or State aid
Since 2020 (and 2011-2018)	<p>Visiting Professor (replacement of Mathias Dewatripont) for Advanced microeconomics at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université libre de Bruxelles</p>
2018-2020	<p>Visiting Professor (replacement of Mathias Dewatripont) for Introductory microeconomics at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université libre de Bruxelles</p>
2011-2020	<p>Professor at the Brussels School of Competition</p>
2010-2020	<p>Chief Economist of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the board of the BCA (from 2013) • Coordination of a team in charge of the economic input for investigations of the BCA • Representation of the BCA within the ECN network (Chief economists, verticals and horizontals) and ICN network
2014-2018	<p>Member of the Steering Committee and then President of the Association of Competition Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment and management of the AISBL • Transfer of the operations from Norway to Brussels • Significant increase in the number of parallel sessions and attendance
2012-2013	<p>Advisor of the Belgian Minister of Economics affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform of the Belgian Competition Authority • Follow-up of the sector inquiry into supermarkets
2007-2009	<p>Consultant for Oxera</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mergers (Fortis-ABN Amro, Belgacom-Scarlett), State Aid, multilateral interchange fees, financial regulation and telecom auctions
2007	<p>Research assistant for Bruegel (janvier-avril): study 'Why reform Europe's Universities?' (P. Aghion, M. Dewatripont, C. Hoxby, A. Mas-Colell and A. Sapir)</p>
2006	<p>Visiting researcher at the Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse 1</p>
2000-2006	<p>Research and teaching assistant at Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (Université libre de Bruxelles): "Introductory economics" and "Public economics"</p>

Education

2002-2007	PhD entitled 'Three essays on the economics of science and higher education' under the supervision of Mathias Dewatripont, (Ecares-Université libre de Bruxelles, recognised by the ENTER following an exchange with the Toulouse School of Economics)
2000-2002	Research master in economics (grande distinction), Université libre de Bruxelles
1996-2000	Licence in economics (four years ; grande distinction), Université libre de Bruxelles
1999	Erasmus programme Freie Universität Berlin
1996-1997	DEC1 (candidature) in philosophy, Université libre de Bruxelles
1994-1996	Candidatures (two years) in physics, Université libre de Bruxelles

Research and publications

Associate Fellow of Ecares (Université libre de Bruxelles)

- How to Choose the Lesser Evil When Defining Local Markets? (with Olivier Body), *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice*, 12(5) : 406-413.
- Analyse de la concurrence locale par l'Autorité belge de la concurrence (with Olivier Body, Griet Jans, Jeroen Vander Cruyssen and Bert Willekens), *Competitio* 2020(4): 330-344.
- Avant-propos : Abus de dépendance économique: une compétence supplémentaire et une kyrielle de questions pour l'ABC, *Revue de Droit Commercial belge—Tijdschrift voor Belgisch Handelsrecht*, 2020(7) : 851-853.
- In de greep van investeringsfondsen (with Jeroen Vander Cruyssen), *Sampol*, 2020(1): 64-69.
- Use of impact studies in merger control, *Liber Amicorum Jarig Van Sinderen*, Autoriteit Consument en Markt, 2019, 21-23.
- The economics of hub-and-spoke collusion, *Vertikale Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen*, Gugler, K. und F. Schumacher (eds.), Wien, 2017: 9-14.
- A theory of hub-and-spoke collusion, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, vol. 53, 2017, p. 353-370 (with N. Sahuguet).
[previously circulated as: Selling to a cartel of retailers: a model of hub-and-spoke collusion, CEPR Discussion Paper 9385, 2013]
- Towards guidance on vertical restraints to iron out perceived enforcement discrepancies across Europe? (with N. Sahuguet, J. Steenbergen and T. Vergé), *Journal of European Competition Law and Practice*, 2016 7(4): 274-279.
- Le fonctionnement des marchés : un screening horizontal (with L. Tsyganok, E. Van Hirtum and P. Van Herreweghe), 21ème Congrès des économistes de langue française, La croissance: Réalités and perspectives, E. De Keuleneer and al. (eds), Belgium, Université ouverte.
- Hub-and-spoke conspiracies: the vertical expression of a horizontal desire? (with N. Sahuguet), *Journal of European Competition Law and Practice*, (2014) 5 (10): 711-716.
- Elargissement du contrôle des concentrations aux participations minoritaires : quelques avantages et inconvénients, *Mundi and Europae Civis - Liber Amicorum Jacques Steenbergen*. D. Arts, W. Devroe, R. Foqué, K. Marchand and I. Verougstraete (eds.), Belgium, Larcier, (2014) : 609-620.

- Rôle du Chief economist (with G. Jans) *Tijdschrift voor Belgische Mededinging - Revue de la Concurrence Belge*, 2014, 1: 17-22.
- De opvolging van marktwerking, een zinvol economisch instrument? (with P. Van Herreweghe), *Carrefour de l'économie*, 2013, 1(1): 54-68.
- Editorial - From the prosecution of infringements to a systematic analysis of markets, *Journal of European Competition Law and Practice*, 2013, 4(4): 291-292.
- Competition and price regulation of services in Belgium (with J. Steenbergen), *Reflets and Perspectives de la Vie Economique*, 2011/3, Tome L: 53-71.
- Mergers: Can competition authorities agree to disagree? (with J. Steenbergen), *Agenda - Advancing economics in business*, 2010, December.
- Editorial, *Tijdschrift voor Belgische Mededinging-Revue de la Concurrence Belge*, 2010, 2: 1-3.
- L'analyse économique dans le cadre d'enquêtes de concurrence, *Tijdschrift voor Belgische Mededinging - Revue de la Concurrence Belge*, 2010, 2: 28-31.
- Multidimensional Contracts with Task-Specific Productivities: An Application to Universities, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2008, 15: 165-198.
[republished in *Higher education in a globalized world: governance, competition and performance*. M. Dewatripont, F. Thys-Clément and L. Wilkin (eds), Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 2008.]
- Edition scientifique et pouvoir de marché (with M. Dewatripont, V. Ginsburgh and P. Legros), dans *La publication scientifique : analyses et perspectives*. Schöpfel J. (éd.), Paris : Hermès Science - Lavoisier, 2008.
- A Microeconomic perspective on the production of Science and Higher Education, *Reflets et Perspectives de la Vie Economique*, 2008/3, Tome XLVII : 47-54.
- What means rich in publishing? Competition between for-profit and not-for-profit publishers from an economist's point of view, *Information Services and Use*, 2008, 28(2): 113-119.
- Pricing of Journals and Market Power (with M. Dewatripont, V. Ginsburgh and P. Legros), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, April-May 2007, 5(2-3): 400-410.
[previously circulated as CORE Discussion Paper 2007/22.]
- *The Economic and Technical Evolution of the Scientific Publication Markets in Europe* (with M. Dewatripont, V. Ginsburgh, P. Legros for ECARES and J.-P. Devroey, M. Dujardin, F. Vandooren, P. Dubois, J. Foncel, M. Ivaldi and M.-D. Heusse), report for DG Research, European Commission, 2006: 1-112.

Presentations at Conferences and Seminars

Many presentations in conferences and seminars organised for instance by the following organisations: AmCham, Association of Competition Economics (ACE), Association pour l'étude du droit de la concurrence (AEDC-VSMR), Autoridade da Concorrência (AdC ; Portugal), National Bank of Belgium (BNB-NBB), Brussels School of Competition (BSC), Bundeswettbehörde (BWB ; Austria), Bundeskartellamt (Germany), CERRE, Commission de la concurrence (WEKO ; Switzerland), European Commission, Competitio, Competition bureau (Canada), Concurrences, Congrès des économistes de langue française, Conseil de la concurrence (Luxembourg), Consumer and Markets Authority (CMA ; Royaume-Uni), CRA, E.CA, ECARES-Université libre de Bruxelles, European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), European competition network (ECN), FAS (Russia), GCLC, International Competition Network (ICN), the Konkurrensverket (Sweden), KNect365, the Korean Fair Trade Commission, Nederlandse mededingingsautoriteit (NMA-ACM ; Netherlands), OECD, Oxera, Office for the protection of competition (UOHS ; République Tchèque), Oxera, Société Royale d'Economie Politique.

Working languages

French, Dutch, English