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Discipline: Applied Economics

Title: The main research question for Brussels Center for Competition Policy

Abstract: How can we advance national and European competition policies in a methodologically sound manner, looking particularly at legal soundness and consistency, the treatment of efficiencies and sector-specific considerations and political aspects?

Examples of sub questions that merit attention are:
- How to conduct ex ante and ex post assessments?
- What are the effects of competition policy on markets, but also on societies?
- Is the application of competition policy consistent across its main pillars and across the 28 Member States and when this is not the case, why so?
- How can we carry out meaningful comparative research over different geographical areas?
- What should be the place of other public interest considerations such as environmental protection, privacy and diversity/pluralism within competition policy?
- Which welfare standard is most appropriate in a rapidly changing environment where several public interest considerations frequently surface?
- What is the influence of procedures and how can they be improved?
- What is the optimal combination level between public and private enforcement?
- How can we contribute to and support a competition policy in developing economies (e.g. Asian and African countries)?

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