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## **Annual RPI conference, Merton College Oxford, 7 and 8 September 2015**

### **Monday**

#### **Session 1, 2pm**

#### **Mapping the boundary between consumer protection policy and competition policy: when does consumer protection become anti-competitive?**

Chair	Deirdre Trapp, Freshfields
Lead speaker	John Fingleton, Fingleton Associates
Panel discussants	Jenny Block, Pinsent Masons David Stewart, Towerhouse

#### **Break, 3.30pm**

#### **Session 2, 3.50pm**

#### **The economics and law of vertical restraints: where have we got to?**

Chair	Alex Plant, Anglian Water
Lead speaker	Mike Walker, CMA
Panel discussants	Patrick Harrison, Sidley Austin George Yarrow, RPI

#### **Keynote speech, 5.30 pm**

Jonson Cox, Ofwat

#### **Distinguished Fellows Dinner, 7.15 pm**

## **Tuesday**

### **Session 3, 9 am**

#### **Regulatory implications of networks in decline**

Chair	David Ashbourne, Ofgem
Lead speaker	Chris Decker, Oxford University
Panel discussants	Martin Crouch, Ofgem Kyran Hanks, Royal Mail

### **Break, 10.30 am**

### **Session 4, 10.50 am**

#### **Unbundling, ring-fencing and business separation policies across sectors: retrospective and prospective**

Chair	Gordon Moir, Shepherd and Wedderburn
Lead speaker	Mary Starks, FCA
Panel discussants	David Gray, GEMA Steve Unger, Ofcom Alan Sutherland, WICS

### **Lunch, 1 – 2 pm**

### **Session 5, 2 pm**

#### **International competition among regulatory systems: how much does relative performance matter?**

Chair	Tim Tutton, Exeter University
Lead speaker	George Yarrow, RPI
Discussant	Joe Perkins, NAO.

**Zeeman lecture, 3.15 pm** Steve Smith, Lloyds Banking Group, “The use and abuse of the notion of effective competition: Carroll, Orwell and McCarthy revisited?”

**Conference close 4.15pm**