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**Modernisation of EU Competition Policy –
A Model for the New Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law?**

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The People's Republic of China adopted its first comprehensive competition law - the Anti-Monopoly Law - in September 2007. To a considerable extent the Law follows the structure and principles known from EU competition law. In Europe, however, competition policy has undergone fundamental changes for some years. These reforms are characterized by the decentralisation of competition law application and the introduction of the so-called more economic approach. With the exception of the merger control rules these reforms left the wording of the core provisions of EU competition law unchanged. In his lecture Professor Drexl, who took an active part in giving advice to the Chinese legislature in drafting the Anti-Monopoly Law, will discuss whether these EU reforms are also relevant for China and which lessons can be learnt from the European experience for China.

Professor Drexl is a director of the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law in Munich. After legal studies in Munich and Geneva he graduated from the University of Munich in 1988. From the same university he received the doctorate degree in 1990, followed by the LL.M. degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1993. In 1996, the Munich Law Faculty accepted his post-doctoral thesis ("Habilitation") on German and European consumer law. In 1997, Josef Drexl became a law professor at the University of Würzburg (Germany). In 2000, Professor Drexl returned to Munich where he held a chair for Private Law, European and International Economic Law until 2006. In 2002, Professor Drexl became a director at the abovementioned Max Planck Institute. In 2003, Professor Drexl was elected the first chair of the newly established Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA). Professor Drexl acted as a visiting professor at Oxford University, the Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali in Rome and at New York University. Professor Drexl is an expert in international and European competition law, intellectual property law, consumer law and WTO law. He has a particular interest in the development of international competition law, the application of competition law to intellectual property and conflict of laws in the field of intellectual property, the interaction between economic theory and competition law and international IP law.

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