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### ITS Biennial Conference Fast Approaching

The 15th ITS Biennial Conference, entitled "Connecting Societies & Markets: Communication Technology, Policy and Impacts", is fast approaching. Hosted by Humboldt University of Berlin, the conference will take place September 4th to 7th in association with the 31st European Association of Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) conference which will be held September 2nd to 5th.

The ITS conference will feature four plenary sessions:

- Telecommunications Technology and Market Forecasts
- Telecommunications Regulatory Policies
- Telecommunications Industry in the Developing Nations: Problems and Issues
- Mobile Services

as well as parallel sessions from more than 180 contributed submissions from regulators, scientists, academics, policy makers, economists and telecom officials from around the world.

Parallel session themes include Competition and Emerging Market

Structure; Innovation, Investments and Regulation; Internationalization and Regional Issues, the Internet and e-business; Harnessing ICT to Sectoral Development;

Macroeconomics of the Telecommunications Sector; and Broadcasting in the Digital Age.

Abstracts for these, and other parallel sessions, can be found at www.ITSEurope.org .

As with all ITS conferences, the Berlin conference will offer abundant networking opportunities. A pleasure boat tour along the rivers and canals of Berlin highlights a robust social program with many pleasant surprises.



EARIE is a leading forum for the discussion and analysis of research and policy on industrial economics. Bringing EARIE and ITS delegates together in Berlin should

spur members of each organization to further investigate common business, policy and research issues.

Anyone interested in attending the conference, or in booking delegate rooms, can visit the ITS Europe web site or contact Prof. Dr. Juergen Mueller at *jmueller@fbw-berlin.de* or call the conference office at + (49) (30) 85789-145.

Come join us.
There's still time to register.

A registration form is provided on page 3 inside.





### Glenn A. Woroch

#### GLENN A. WOROCH, Ph.D.

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Executive Director,
Center for Research in
Telecommunications Policy (CRTP)
University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Woroch was one of the founding members of the ITS Board of Directors. He was also a member of the local organizing committee for the biennial conference in Cambridge, MA in 1988, and a member of the program committee for the Cannes meeting in 1992. He was the chair of the original Journal Committee and remains a member of the Publications Committee today. Working with other Committee members, he forged the original partnership with North-Holland Publishing and its journal, Information Economics & Policy.

Dr. Woroch received his B.A. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his M.A. in statistics and Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. Before assuming his current position at Berkeley, he taught at the University of Rochester and Stanford University and was a senior

member of the technical staff of GTE Laboratories.

Dr. Woroch has published numerous articles in the fields of industrial organization, antitrust and regulation in scholarly journals including the *Rand Journal of Economics*, the *International Journal of Industrial* 

Organization, the Review of Industrial Organization, Telecommunications Policy, and the Antitrust Bulletin. He recently published a chapter on local network competition in the Handbook of Telecommunications Economics. He has served on the editorial boards of Information Economics & Policy and the Journal of Regulatory Economics.

As Executive Director of the Center for Research on **Telecommunications Policy** (groups.haas.berkeley.edu/imio/crtp/), Dr. Woroch organizes workshops and conferences on various topics in telecommunications policy and strategy and oversees the funding of on-campus research projects in these fields. Dr. Woroch's own research focuses on theoretical and empirical investigations of competition in and regulation of network industries, with particular application to the telecommunications and computer sectors. His research also examines antitrust policy toward intellectual property protection and various business practices.

Dr. Woroch has been an economic advisor to government agencies including the U.S. Departments of Energy and Justice and the Office of Technology Assessment. He is a Principal of The Brattle Group (www.brattle.com), an economic consulting company, on behalf of which he advises private-sector clients and provides expert testimony on matters involving monopolization claims, mergers, intellectual property infringement, and economic damages.

Dr. Woroch makes his home in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and son. When not teaching at Berkeley and managing CRTP, he enjoys biking, running and skiing, as well as cooking and wine tasting.

Dr. Woroch will be presenting two papers at this year's Biennial Conference in Berlin: "Usage Substitution Between Fixed and Mobile Telephony in the U.S.", co-authored with Professor Michael R. Ward of the University of Texas at Arlington, and "Who

Signed Up for the Do-Not-Call-List"?, co-authored with Professors Hal Varian and Fredrik Wallenberg of the University of California, Berkeley. In addition, Dr. Woroch will be speaking at a tutorial session in Berlin on the tensions VoIP is creating with regulatory institutions that came into being in the age of circuit-switched technology.

#### Reminder: Changes to the ITS Listserv (ITS-L) and to Interconnect, the ITS Newsletter

The ITS listserv has recently moved. Effective June 2004, the listserv is being hosted from San Jose State University (SJSU) in the heart of Silicon Valley. ITS wishes to thank Dr. Tim Hill of the SJSU MIS Department for kindly agreeing to host the listserv at SJSU.

The new e-mail address for the ITS-L is: ITS-L@listproc.sjsu.edu

Gene Mesher will continue to serve in the capacity of ITS-L manager and administrator. He may be contacted at genemesher@yahoo.com

Suzanne Chambliss Neil, the ITS Secretariat, has recently taken on the added role of ITS-L Subscription Manager. All additions and deletions of ITS members from the ITS-L master list must first be approved by Suzanne. She may be reached at chambliss\_neil@yahoo.com.

ITS' policy on eligible content for the listserv remains unchanged. ITS-L remains open for postings from ITS members announcing new publications, conferences, meetings, seminars, research interests and inquiries, and related matters. All questions with respect to information which may be posted should be directed to Gene Mesher.

Commencing with this issue, Interconnect will be published solely in electronic form and will be accessible only through the ITS website at www.itsworld.org. ITS members will no longer receive hard copies of Interconnect with their subscription to Communications & Strategies, ITS' quarterly journal. Notification of each new issue of Interconnect will be sent to ITS members via an e-mail from the ITS listserv. The ITS-L e-mail will include a direct link to the ITS website from which the latest issue of Interconnect may be accessed. Any ITS member whose e-mail address has not yet been registered on the ITS-L master list should contact Suzanne Chambliss Neil immediately at the e-mail address provided above.

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# Connecting Societies and Markets: Communication technology, policy and impacts

15th Biennial Conference • September 4-7, 2004 • Berlin, Germany

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### **Preliminary Conference Schedule**

Saturday, September 4, 2004			President, Regulation	Tuesday, September 7, 2004		
	16:00-19:00	Registration at Foyer,		Principles and Strategy,	09:00-10:30	Plenary Session:
		Humboldt University,		Deutsche Telekom AG;		Telecommunications
		Berlin (HU Berlin)		Yves Gassot, Director		Industry in the
	18:00-20:00	Welcome reception at		General, IDATE (Session		Developing Nations:
		HU Berlin		Chair); (E. Bohlin and		problems and issues,
				H. Fuke, coordinators)		with Bram Moerman,
	Sunday, Sept	tember 5, 2004	19:00-22:00	Conference reception at		Analysis, Cambridge, UK
	08:30	Registration at Foyer,		HU Berlin		(invited); Christian
		Humboldt University				Nicolai, Subsecretario
	08:45-10:00	Opening ceremony	Monday, Sep	<u>stember 6, 2004</u>		de Telecomunicaciones,
		with Loretta Anania,	09:00-10:30	Parallel sessions		Santiago, Chile
		Chair ITS and European	11:00-12.30	Parallel sessions		(invited); David
		Commission, DG	12:00-14:00	Lunch sponsored by		Townsend, David N.
		Information Society;		AOL		Townsend & Associates,
		Joachim Schalbach,	14:00-15:30	Plenary Session:		Swampscott, MA, USA
		Dean Economics and		Telecommunications		(invited); (L. Pupillo
		Business Admin., HUB;		Regulatory Policy with		and M. Vagliasindi,
		Alfred Tacke, State		M. H. Au, Director-General		coordinators)
		Secretary in the Federal		of Telecommunications,	11:00-12:30	Parallel sessions
		Ministry of Economics		Telecommunications	14:00-16:00	Parallel sessions
		and Labour, Germany		Authority, Hong Kong;	16:00-17:30	Plenary Session:
	10:00-12:00	Parallel sessions		Eric van Heesvelde,		Mobile Services with
		(joint EARIE/ITS)		President of the Belgian		Magnus Madfors,
	12:00-13:30	Lunch at Foyer,		Telecom Regulator and		Director, Research
		Humboldt University		Chairman of the		and Development,
	13:30-15:30	Parallel sessions		European Regulator's		LM Ericsson;
	16:00-17:30	Plenary session:		Group; Ms. Henseler-		Jean-Claude Burgelman,
		Telecommunications		<b>Unger</b> , Vice-President of		Senior Scientist, IPTS,
		Technology and Market		the German Telecom		DG Joint Research
		Forecasts with		Regulatory Authority;		Centre (JRC), European
		Jozef Cornu, Member		Ernest Ndukwe,		Commission; Tingjie Lu,
		of the Board of		Executive Vice		Professor, Beijing
		Directors, Alcatel;		Chairman, Nigerian		University of Posts and
		Jyunichi Kishigami,		Communications		Telecommunications;
		Senior Research		Commission (invited);		Brigitte Cardinael,
		Engineer, Content		Martin Perry, Chief		Vice President,
		Commerce Project,		Economist, FCC,		France Telecom R&D
		Cyber Solutions		USA (invited);		(invited); <b>Hatim</b>
		Laboratories, NTT;		<b>Mr. Suzuki</b> , Director		<b>Zaghloul</b> , Chair,
		Michael Meyer, Senior		Regulation, Japanese		Wi-LAN Inc. (invited);
		VP Strategic Planning		Ministry of Posts &		Chang-Ho Yoon,
		and Communication,		Telecommunications;		Professor, Korea
		Siemens; <b>Mikko J.</b>		(K. H. Neumann		University (Session
		Salminen, Director,		coordinator)		Chair); (E. Bohlin
		Fixed-to-Mobile	16:00-17:30	Parallel sessions		coordinator)
		19:00-22:00	Reception and "Gala			
		Networks; <b>Dr</b> .		Dinner" sponsored	Closing cere	mony
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Quality regulation without Regulating Quality

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Access price regulation, investment and entry in telecommunications Reichhuber, Martin

Network Competition with Price Discrimination: Revisited—Once Again

#### D 7 - E-commerce and Internet

Lupi, Paolo / Distaso, Walter / Manenti, Fabio M.

Platform Competition and Broadband Adoption in Europe: Theory and Empirical Evidence from the European Union Sommerfeld, Yan

- Location Decision with

E-Commerce

Loginova, Oksana

Real and Virtual Competition

Bitzer, Jürge / Schrettl, Wolfram /

Schröder, Philipp

The Economics of Intrinsic Motivation in Open Source Software

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Organizing and Regulating One-Way

Access
Mizuno, Keizo / Hori, Keiichi
Access Pricing and Investment with
Stochastically Growing Demand
Cambini, Carlo / Valletti, Tommaso
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K 7 - Junk Mail

**Competing Networks** 

Anderson, Simon P. / de Palma, Andre

Junk mail

Pereira, Pedro / Dinlersoz, Emin M. On the Diffusion of Electronic Commerce

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Firm Size and Openness: The Driving Forces of University-Industry Collaboration

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Brandao, Antonio / Sarmento, Paula; CETE (Portugal)

Access price regulations: a comparison between cost-based regulation and retail-minus regulation

Leporelli, Claudio / Reverberi, Pierfrancesco; U Roma "La Sapienza" (Italy)

Local loop unbundling between regulation and competition law Weber, Jan; RTR (Austria)

Wholesale line rental - an Austrian

regulatory perspective

Burton, Mark L. / Kaserman, David L./ Mayo, John W.; Marshall U / Auburn U/ Georgetown U (USA)

Common costs and cross-subsidies: why do common costs appear so large in regulated industries?

1.2. - National & Regional Regulatory Models

Speta, James B.; Northwest U (Law) (USA)

Rewriting U.S. telecommunications law with an eye on Europe

Castelli, F. / Gavosto, A.; Telecom It. (Italy)

Competition in the Italian telecommunications markets and implications for regulation

Streel de, Alexandre; Europ. U Inst. Fl. (Italy)

A new regulatory paradigm for

Europe

Wehmeier/Wöhrl;T-Com (Germany)

The USA-broadband approach: a model for Europe?

Queck, Robert; CRID - U Namur (Belgium)

Towards the consolidation of the internal market: the European regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services as an example

1.3. - Convergence & Regulatory Institutions

Cherry, Barbara / Bauer, Johannes; FCC/Mich SU (USA)

Adaptive regulation contours of a policy model for the Internet economy

Garcia-Murillo, Martha; Syracuse U (USA)

Convergence of regulatory agencies: a case study investigation

Kosa, Zsuzsanna; Budapest U Tech & Econs (Hungary)

Consequences of digital convergence for regulatory institutions

1.4. - Price Regulation

Chen, Jim; U Minn Law (USA)

The price of macroeconomic imprecision: How should the

law measure inflation?

Fjell, Kenneth; NHH (Norway)

Vertical integration

Saether, Jan-Petter / Birkenes, Turid;

Norwegian P&T (Norway)

From the perspective of the regulator: price comparison guides – better in the anticipation than the eating?

Urbiztondo, Santiago; UNLP (Argentina)

Renegotiation with public utilities in Argentina: analysis and proposal

1.5. - Regulatory Models in the New Member States

Hrovatin, Nevenka / Cibic, Damir / Švigelj, Matej; U Ljubljana (Slovenia) (De)regulation of Slovenian telecommunication markets Kubasik, Jerzy; Poznan U Technology

Kubasik, Jerzy; Poznan U Technology (Poland)

Poland: is regulation in place? The status of regulation and competition in Poland on the advent of the accession to the EU

Sallai, Gyula; Budapest U Tech & Econs (Hungary)

A quadratic method for evaluating an Act on electronic communications with respect to the policy and regulatory objectives

Szilagy, Sandor; NCAH (Hungary) Implementation of the new regulatory framework in an accession country: case study Hungary

Koppányi, Szabolcs; Hungarian Acad Sc (Hungary)

Possible limits of the new EC concept of significant market power: the case of Hungary

#### 1.6. - Universal Service

Ilie, Laura / Losada, Ramiro; U Complutense Madrid/U Carlos 111 Madrid (Spain)

Endogenous financing of universal service

Kan, Kaili; Pol & Dev Inst of Info Ind (China)

Questioning the principle of universal service

Tanaka, Ema / Sugaya, Minoru; RITE (Japan)

Universal service to universal access and web accessibility - government vs. governance

van Eijk, Nico; U Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Universal service: a new look at an old concept

Calzada, Joan / Dávalos, Arturo; U

Barcelona (Spain/ Bolivia)

Cooperatives in Bolivia: customer ownership of the local loop

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Barendse, Andrew J.; Delt U of Tech (Netherlands)

Supranational organizations of telecom regulators and the harmonization of regulatory practices

Castro, Raúl; U Pompeu Fabra (Spain) Explaining institutional arrangements in telecommunications regulation: an empirical analysis

Confraria, João; Catholic U (Port.) (Portugal)

Power and discretion in independent regulation

Freytag, Andreas / Winkler, Klaus; U. Jena (Germany)

The economics of self-regulation in telecommunications under sunset legislation

Wu, Irene; International FCC (Japan)
Traits of an independent
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a search for indicators

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Stumpf, Ulrich; WIK (Germany)

Definition of markets associated

Definition of markets susceptible to ex-ante regulation

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Resources for sustainable competitive advantages in the mobile data service market

Shukunami, Tatsushiro; Keio U (Japan) Expanding market and competition of 3G in Japan

Vesa, Jarko; Helsinki U Tech (Finland) Regulatory framework and industry clockspeed: lessons from the Finnish mobile services industry

Yan, Xu; HK U Sc and Tech (China)

Type III interconnection: key to
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The potential for network competition: a game theoretic approach

Lal, David / Strachan, Peter A. / Raj, Mahendra; Robert Gordon U (UK) Key determinant of environmental change in UK telecommunications: empirical evidence

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Strategy construction: a case study of the cell phone industry

Sülzle, Kai; IFO (Germany)

Duopolistic competition
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Werner; Ludwig-Maximilians-U (Germany)

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Kiiski, Annukka / Hämmäinen, Heikki; Helsinki U Tech (Finland)

Mobile virtual network operators: case Finland

Liang, Xu; BUPT (China)

Comments on the taev project in China

Kim, Byung Woon / Kweong, Soo Cheon; ETRI (Korea) Economic values of carrier pre-selection in the telecommunication market

### 2.4. - Assessing the Effects of Liberalization

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Competition or entry deterrence: the case of Poland's first MVNO

Gião, Paulo Roberto / Vargens Filho, José Rogério; U Brasilia/ U Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Competition in the Brazilian telecom market: an emerging market experience five years after privatization

Gupta, Rajni; (India)

Assessing the effects of

liberalization on India's telecommunications industry

Kuznetsova, O.K. / Draskova, M.A.; LONIIS (Russia)

New "old" telecom companies in Russia: reforms in the holdingcompany "Svyazinvest"

Liew, Sonja / Heisz, Janina; Rajes Hisham Piallai & Gopal/ Velten Franz Jaboy Rechtsanwälte (Malaysia/ Germany)

"Assessing the effects of liberalization and industry restructuring so far" - a

comparison of main policies and regulatory issues of liberalization and restructuring of the telecommunications industries in an EU and an Asian country.

#### 2.5. - Internet Services

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Incentives for service bundling and the role of access charges in the broadband Internet access service market

Lee, Joo-Suk / Yoo, Seung-Hoon / Kwak, Seung-Jun; Korea U/ Hoseo U (Korea)

Consumers' preference about the attributes of post PC: results of a contingent ranking study

Yoon, Chang-Ho / Jun, B.H. / Song, Y. W.; Korea U/Nat Computerization Ag. (Korea)

The role of switching hub in global Internet traffic

Cerno, Leonel / Pérez Amaral, Teodosio; U Europea Madrid/U Complutense Madrid (Spain)

An empirical analysis of the determinants of the Internet services demand in Spain

#### 2.6. - Sector Crisis

Harmantzis, Fotios; Sc of Tech Mgt (USA)

Inside the telecom crash: bankruptcies, fallacies and scandals

Krafft, Jackie / Ravix, Jacques-Laurent; CNRS-IDEFI (France)

Corporate governance and the governance of knowledge: lessons from the telecoms industry

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Alleman, James / Rappoport, Paul; U Colorado/Temple U (USA)

Modelling regulatory distortions with real options

Alleman, James / Rappoport, Paul / Suto, Hiropfumi; U Colorado/Temple U/NTT (USA)

An investment decision-making criterion incorporating real options

Calabrese,Armando / Gastaldi, Massimo / Ghiron, Nathan L.; U Rome / U of "L'Aquila" (Italy)

Real options approach in the interconnection of multi-sided platform industries

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Pillkahn, Ulf; Siemens AG, CT SM ICA (Germany)

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Network investment at the firm level

Pereira, Pedro / Brito, Duarte; Aut.Concorrência/ U Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)

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Gentzoglanis, Anastassios; U Sherbrooke (Canada)

Regulatory risk, cost of capital and investment decisions in the telecommunications industry: international comparisons

Battistoni, Elisa / Campisi, Domenico/ Mancuso, Paolo; U Studi di Roma (Italy) European integration and telecommunication productivity convergence Alkas, Hasan / Gonzalez, Florentin; Deutsche Telekom / Swisscom (Germany)

Costing and investment incentives in the telecommunication access market

04 Management & Business Strategy

## 4.1. - Strategic Alliances and Expansion

Collico Savio, Daniel; Telefonica (Arg.) (Argentina)

A theory of everything: An integral vision of fixed and mobile broadband

Lee, Jay; U Pittsburgh (USA)
Formulating competitive
repertoires - telecom strategic
alliance activities

Whalley, Jason / Curwen, Peter; Strathclyde BS (UK)

Acquisitions, partnerships and alliances: strategies for gaining subscribers and expanding footprints

Whalley, Jason / Curwen, Peter; Strathclyde BS. (UK)

The strategic implications of European Union expansion on mobile telecommunication companies

## 4.2. - Bundling Services and Other Operator Strategies

Ahn, Jae-Hyeon / Hsu, Wen-Ling / Sichel, Lynn / Skudlark, Ann; AT&T Labs (USA)

Effect of bundling new telecommunications services: a customer life cycle perspective

Kumar, K.R.Renjish / Hämmainen, Heikki; U Tech (Finland)

Assessing the value of roaming over mobile networks

Madden, Gary / Coble-Neal, Grant; Curtin U of Tech (Australia) Service bundles and pricing in telecommunications markets Monteiro, Rui; U Tecnica de Lisboa (Portugal)

Microm - a revenue assurance model for mobile operators Seol, Seong Ho; ETRI (Korea) Review of economic analysis for

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# **Berlin: A City of History, Beauty and Culture**

Berlin is called the city that never stands still. A cultural centre since the 12th century, Berlin presents itself to visitors as an open city once more. Brandenburg Gate – once a symbol of the divided Germany – has again become the emblem of the German capital.

Built in 1961 and maintained by the former German Democratic Republic until 1989, the Berlin Wall was a

highly visible symbol of the Cold War. The Berlin Wall is now commemorated by a few remaining sections and by a museum and shop near the site of the most famous cross-

ing point, Checkpoint Charlie.

Modern Berlin offers visitors over 150 theatres and stage companies, 800 choirs, 170 museums, about 300 communal and private galleries, over 250 public libraries, 265 cinemas and numerous other cultural institutions.

For years, festivals such as the Bach Festival, the Berlin Festival and the Jazz Festival have occupied a firm place in the cultural calendar of the city.

Berlin and Brandenburg are themselves a landscape of palaces and gardens, established over the

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