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**CIRANO-PHELPS-RIIB Sessions at the CEA 2015 Meetings**

**June 3-5, 2016**

**University of Ottawa, Ottawa**

*1. Papers Session 1: Competition Policy I*

Presenters:

- a. Ralph Winter (UBC), “Vertical Restraints in Two-sided Markets: Credit Card Merchant Rules”
- b. Gamal Atallah (U. of Ottawa), “Subsidizing Innovation and Production”
- c. Mario Samano (HEC), “Mergers and Cost Efficiency in the Electricity Distribution Industry”

*2. Papers Session 2: Competition Policy II*

Presenters:

- a. Alvaro Para (UBC), “Mergers in Innovative Industries: The Role of Product Market Competition”
- b. Andrew Eckert (U. of Alberta), “Analyzing Electricity Market Structure Changes and Mergers: The Importance of Forward Commitments”
- c. Anindya Sen (U. of Waterloo), “Market Value, Market Share, and Mergers: Evidence from a Panel of U.S. Firms”

*3. Papers Session 3: Competition Policy III*

Presenters:

- a. Shawn W. Ulrick (Federal Trade Commission), “How Big is Big? Inferring Anticompetitive Price Effects from Difference-in-Difference Analysis”
- b. Mahdiyeh Entezarkheir (Huron University College), “Is Innovation a Factor in Merger Decisions? Evidence from a Panel of U.S. Firms”
- c. Steffen Ziss (Wilfrid Laurier U.), “Horizontal Mergers, Delegation and Product Differentiation”

*4. Panel session – On the Role of Economists in Competition Litigation*

Panellists:

- a. Abuse of Dominance: Roger Ware (Queen’s)
- b. Private Price-Fixing Cases: James Brander (UBC)
- c. Mergers: Margaret Sanderson (CRA)
- d. Competition Bureau: Martine Dagenais (TBC)