

## RESEARCH

# *Industrial Organization*

### OBJECTIVES

Industrial organization deals with the workings of markets and industries, in particular on how the way firms compete or are organized affect industry performance and consumers. Our emphasis will be on the market consequences of firms' strategies (price competition, product positioning, advertising, research and development, mergers and acquisitions, and so forth) that are of practical relevance for all industry players (consumers, firms and regulating authorities).

### RESEARCH TEAM

ECORE's team in industrial organization consists of full time permanent professors: Paul Belleflamme, Estelle Cantillon, Mathias Dewatripont, Victor Ginsburgh, Georg Kirchsteiger, Patrick Legros, Vincent Vannetelbosch and Xavier Wauthy. They supervise postdoctoral fellows and a group of PhD students.

### RESEARCH AREAS

Building on its current portfolio of competences, ECORE's team in industrial organization plans to develop four research areas in the near future.

**Competition policy.** Implications of mergers and various forms of collaboration between firms, as well as the potential anticompetitive effects of predation and of price discrimination.

**Organizational changes** resulting from the diffusion of information and communication technologies, the deregulation of markets, and the modifications of intermediation activities.

**Economics of intellectual property rights** is a topic of increasing importance in the "knowledge economy"; we will examine, among other issues, the benefits of various licensing schemes for the creators of new knowledge and the attitude copyright holders should have regarding piracy.

**Relationships between market structure and the firm's performance.** This is a transversal issue that will be examined throughout our different research efforts.

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