Conference Agenda
Antitrust Activity in Card-Based Payment Systems: Causes and Consequences

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Thursday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast and registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome: Christine Cumming, First Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Morning Session: 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Chair: Richard Porter, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

9:15 a.m. Efficiency and Competition between Payment Instruments
Joseph Farrell, University of California at Berkeley
Discussant: Steve Salop, Georgetown University

10:00 a.m. The Welfare Impact of Interchange Fees
Jean-Charles Rochet, IDEI-GREMAQ, University of Toulouse; and Jean Tirole, IDEI-GREMAQ and Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Discussant: Luís Cabral, New York University

10:45 a.m. Morning break

11:00 a.m. An Assessment of the Reserve Bank of Australia's Interchange Fee Regulation
Howard H. Chang, LECG; David S. Evans, LECG and University College of London; and Daniel D. Garcia Swartz, LECG
Discussant: Joseph Farrell, University of California at Berkeley

11:45 a.m. Lunch

Afternoon Session: 1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Chair: Donald Morgan, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

1:30 p.m. Panel of Country Studies

The Regulation of Payment Cards: The Mexican Experience
José Luis Negrín, Banco de México

The Credit Card Industry in Israel
David Gilo and Yossi Spiegel, Tel Aviv University

Interchange Fees in Various Countries: Developments and Determinants
Stuart Weiner, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and Julian Wright, National University of Singapore
Commentator: Robin Prager, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

3:30 p.m. Afternoon break
3:45 p.m.  
**Market Definition and Market Power in Payment Card Networks**  
Scott Thompson and Eric Emch, U.S. Department of Justice  
Discussant: Larry White, New York University

4:30 p.m.  
**Social Welfare and Cost Recovery in Two-Sided Markets**  
Wilko Bolt, De Nederlandsche Bank; and Alexander F. Tieman, International Monetary Fund  
Discussant: Jean-Charles Rochet, IDEI-GREMAQ, University of Toulouse

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**Friday, September 16**

8:30 a.m.  
Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m.  
Welcome: Joseph Tracy, Director of Research and Statistics Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

**Morning Session: 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

*Chair: Peter Burns, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*

9:15 a.m.  
**Platform Competition in Two-Sided Markets: The Case of Payment Networks**  
Sujit Chakravorti, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and Roberto Rosen, University Ca’ Foscari of Venice  
Discussant: Michael Katz, University of California at Berkeley

10:00 a.m.  
**The No Surcharge Rule and Card User Rebates: Vertical Control by a Payment Network**  
Marius Schwartz, Georgetown University; and Daniel R. Vincent, University of Maryland  
Discussant: Martin Perry, Rutgers University

10:45 a.m.  
Morning break

11:00 a.m.  
**A Puzzle of Card Payment Pricing: Why Are Merchants Still Accepting Card Payments?**  
Fumiko Hayashi, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City  
Discussant: Glenn Woroch, University of California at Berkeley

12:00 noon  
Lunch (informal)

**Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

*Chair: James McAndrews, Federal Reserve Bank of New York*

1:00 p.m.  
**Panel on Competition Policy in Card-Based Payment Systems**

*Payment Systems are Different: Shouldn’t Their Regulation Be Too?*  
John Simon, Reserve Bank of Australia

*Public Policy Approaches to Interchange Fees: An Economic Assessment*  
Margaret Guerin-Calvert, Competition Policy Associates; and Janusz A. Ordover, New York University and Competition Policy Associates

*House of Cards: The Economics of Interchange Fees*  
Alan Frankel and Allan Shampine, Lexecon

Commentator: Henry Ergas, CRA International