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EDUCATION

2012, *Ph.D. in Economics*, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
2006, *Master in Economics*, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
2004, *Degree in Economics*, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2021 – Present, *Vice President*, Compass Lexecon, London
January 2018 – September 2021, *Senior Economist*, Compass Lexecon, London
May 2015 – December 2017, *Assistant Director (Head of Econometrics)*, Competition and Markets Authority, London
November 2013 – April 2015, *Econometrics Advisor*, Office of Fair Trading/ Competition and Markets Authority, London
February 2013 – November 2013, *Researcher*, University of Luxembourg
September 2006 – September 2012, *Researcher/Teaching Assistant*, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
September 2008 – December 2008, *Intern*, World Trade Organization, Geneva

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN COMPETITION AND REGULATION

As Senior Economist/Vice President at Compass Lexecon, Laura has advised clients in cases before European and UK competition authorities and courts, including the following:

Mergers

- Assessment of potential merger in the private healthcare sector (2021, CMA, abandoned)
- WorldRemit/Sendwave (2020, CMA, cleared)
- Assessment of potential merger in pet products (2019, Europe wide, abandoned)
- TopCashback/Quidco (2019, CMA, abandoned)
- The Walt Disney Company/20th Century Fox (2018, European Commission, cleared)

Abuse of Dominance

- E-commerce platform (ongoing, European Commission)

Follow-on damages

- Art 101 Infringement – private actions - Power cables (2018-20, UK courts, settled)
- Art 101 Infringement – private actions - Trucks (ongoing, European courts)

As Head of Econometrics of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), Laura led a team of seven economists responsible for delivering econometrics and related quantitative work across the full range of CMA cases, including mergers, market investigations, antitrust and enforcement cases, and regulatory appeals. Laura also acted as lead economist in a phase II merger and a regulatory appeal.

Mergers

- Cardtronics/DCP (2017, lead economist)
- Just Eat/Hungryhouse (2017)
- VTech/LeapFrog (2017)
- Ladbrokes/Coral (2016)
- Celisio/Sainsbury's (2016)
- CGL/Budgens (2016)

- Poundland/99p stores (2015)
- Pennon/Bournemouth Water(2015)
- ABF/Dorset(2014)
- Ashford & St Peters/Royal Surrey County (2014)
- Shell/Rontec (ex-post evaluation, 2014)

Market Investigations and Market Studies

- Energy (Phase I and II, 2013-2016)
- Retail Banking (2014 – 2016)
- Digital Comparison Tools (2017)
- Private Health Care (Remittal, 2014)

Antitrust and Enforcement

- Online gambling (2017)
- Phenytoin Sodium Capsules (2014)
- Paroxetine (2014)

Regulation

- Firmus Energy/NIAUR (2017, lead economist)
- Bristol Water/OFWAT (2015)

PUBLICATIONS

“Trade Protection and Market Power: Evidence from US Antidumping and Countervailing duties”, Review of World Economics, Vol. 149, Issue 3, pp. 443-476, September 2013

“Moving up the quality ladder? EU-China Trade Dynamics in Clothing”, [with H.Vandenbussche, F.di Comite, and C. Viegelaahn], Journal of Economic Integration, Vol. 28, No. 2, pp. 303-326, June 2013.

“Endogenous trade restrictions and firms' pricing behaviour”, LICOS Discussion Paper 342, 2013.

“Antidumping practices in the European Union: A comparative analysis of rules and application in WTO context”, [with H.Vandenbussche], in 'Liberalising Trade in the EU and the WTO: Comparative Perspectives', Gaines S., Olsen B. Egelund & Sørensen K. Engsig (eds.) Cambridge University Press.

“The beer monopoly and Antitrust Law in Uruguay”, joint with Natalia Melgar, dECON DT 04/04.

AWARDS

- 2014 John Hoy Memorial Award for the best piece of written economic analysis produced by a government economist.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Spanish (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)

