

Plenary Panel 1

The Telecom Merger and Acquisition: Unveiling the Dynamics of Thai Telecommunication Consolidation

Date and time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (after the opening ceremony), November 27th, 2023

Venue: Ballroom 1, Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Bangkok, Thailand

Are you curious about the intriguing world of telecom mergers in Thailand? Do you want to delve into the intricacies of these transformative business deals and their implications for the telecommunications industry?

The panel will gather experts and scholars to unravel Thailand's fascinating landscape of telecom mergers. Join us for knowledge exchange, stimulating discussions, and valuable insights to shape your understanding of this evolving industry.

What to Expect:

- In-depth analysis of recent telecom merger cases in Thailand
- Presentations by renowned academic experts
- Panel discussions on regulatory frameworks and their impact on mergers
- Examination of the implications on market competition and consumer welfare

Whether you are a business professional, a legal expert, an academic, or simply someone interested in the telecom industry, this symposium offers a unique opportunity for learning, inspiration, and networking. Gain valuable insights, broaden your knowledge, and connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for the telecom sector.

Speakers:

•Legal aspects

Kamolvan Chiravisit, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University

Kanoknai Thawonphanit, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Thailand

•Economics aspects

Pornthep Benyaapikul, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand

Wanwiphang Manachotphong, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand

Commentators:

Stephen Schmidt, ITS Chair, Vice President, TELUS

Bronwyn Howell, Senior Lecturer, School of Management, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Moderator:

Bronwyn Howell, Senior Lecturer, School of Management, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Plenary Panel 1: Participants

Speakers



Kamolvan Chiravisit

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand

Dr.Kamolvan Chiravisit is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Commercial and Business Law, the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University. She earned a Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research interests are in the areas of competition law, contract law, insurance law, and negotiable instrument law. Dr.Kamolvan was a member of NBTC's committees analyzing legal issues in the telecommunication sector's merger, such as the TRUE-DTAC case.



Kanoknai Thawonphanit

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Kanoknai Thawonphanit is a lecturer at the department of private law and international law of the Faculty of Law of Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand. His research interests lie in competition law, law of obligation and international private law. He has a special interest in developing countries, inequality and economic development. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws (Second Class Honours) at Thammasat University in 2011 and his Master of Laws (very good) in European law and international law from the Europa-Institut of Saarland University in 2016. He is doing his Ph.D in competition law at the Faculty of Law of Kiel University in Germany. He was granted a scholarship from the Royal Thai Government to pursue his master and doctoral study in Germany.



Pornthep Benyaapikul

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Dr.Pornthep Benyaapikul is currently the director of Bachelor of Economic, International Program and an assistant professor at the faculty of economics, Thammasat University. His research interest is in the area of applied microeconomic theory, industrial organization and economics of competition. Dr.Pornthep was also a member of NBTC's committees analyzing economic impacts of TRUE-DTAC and AWN-3BB mergers in telecommunication sector.



Wanwiphang Manachotphong

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Dr. Wanwiphang Manachotphong is an assistant professor at the department of economics, Thammasat University. She holds a DPhil in Economics from The University of Oxford. She is primarily interested in competition policy and regulation in Thailand. Her current research also covers issues such as inequality, public health and policy evaluation.

Commentator and moderator



Stephen Schmidt

ITS Chair, Vice President, TELUS, Canada

Mr. Stephen Schmidt is Vice-President Telecom Policy & Chief Regulatory Legal Counsel at TELUS Communications. As Vice-President, Telecom Policy & Chief Regulatory Legal Counsel at TELUS, he leads a multi-disciplinary team of regulatory professionals responsible for (i) making policy and legal submissions to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), ISED, the Competition Bureau, the Federal Cabinet and other government bodies; (ii) for conducting and directing appellate advocacy before the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of Canada; and (iii) for advising on compliance with public law frameworks for telecommunications, both in Canada and internationally. In June of 2016, he was elected as Chair of the Board of the International Telecommunications Society (ITS), an international forum where academic, private sector, and government communities can meet to identify pressing new communications policy problems and issues, share research results, and develop new approaches to address these issues. He has been a Board member of the ITS since 2004.



Bronwyn Howell

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Bronwyn Howell is a Faculty member of the Wellington School of Business and Government at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC, a senior research fellow at the Public Utilities Research Center at the University of Florida, a board member and secretary of the International Telecommunications Society, an advisory editor of the journal Telecommunications Policy, and a research principal at the Institute for Technology and Network Economics. She was formerly research principal and general manager of the New Zealand Institute for the Study of Competition and Regulation. She researches widely on telecommunications matters, with a special interest in regulation and the effects of new technologies on the telecommunications industry.