

ECON4820 – Strategic Competition – Spring 2016

Lectures:

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Seminars:

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15 lectures; 8 seminars.

Lectures: Thursdays 12:15-14:00, ES Aud 6; with exceptions: see below.

Seminars: Wednesdays 08:15-10:00, HH room 201.

Lecture dates: Lectures start on 21 January. Last lecture is on 28 April.

Note the exceptions:

Lectures on 28 January and 4 February are at the regular time but at a different location: ES Auditorium 5.

Lectures on 10 February, 30 March, and 13 April are in the seminar slot: Wednesdays 0815-1000 in HH room 201.

There are no lectures on 25 February and 10 March.

Guest lecturers:

Lars Sjørgard, director, Norwegian Competition Authority: 17 March.

Jostein Skaar, partner, Oslo Economics: 13 April.

Seminar dates: 3 Feb; 17 Feb; 2 Mar; 16 Mar; 6 Apr; 20 Apr; 27 Apr; 4 May.

Exam date: 3 June, 14:30-17:30.

Lecture plan

Theme 1. Introduction. Static oligopoly. Tirole: intro, intro to part II, chs 5 & 11. [Lectures 1-2]

Theme 2. Dynamic oligopoly. Tirole: ch 6. [Lectures 2-3]

Theme 3: Product differentiation. Tirole: ch 7, sec 2.1. [Lectures 4-5]

Theme 4: Mergers. Whinston. [Lecture 6]

Theme 5: Entry. Tirole: ch 8. [Lecture 7]

Theme 6: Competition policy. Farrell & Shapiro; Hausman & al.; Sørgard
[Lectures 8 & 12]

Theme 7: Information. Tirole: ch 9. [Lectures 9-10]

Theme 8: Research and development. Tirole: ch 10. [Lecture 11]

Theme 9: Vertical relations. Rey & Tirole; Tirole: ch 4. [Lecture 13]

Theme 10: Auctions. Klemperer. [Lecture 14]

Theme 11: Overview. [Lecture 15]