

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMPETITION AND BIG TECH

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference is a gathering of experts from India and other BRICS nations. The conference will address the impact of technology on automobile industries, explore an innovative approach to digital ecosystems, and discuss India's strategy for the digital economy with a focus on the proposed ex-ante machinery.

TOPICS

Session I: Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Research on the Competition Issues in the Automobile Markets (Industry 4.0)

Session II: Ecological Approach to Competition Law in the New Economy

Session III: Ex Ante Rules and Competition Law for the Digital Economy. Indian Perspective

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AGENDA

14:00-15:00

Inaugural Session

- **Pradeep S Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International
- **Address: Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot**, Secretary (I/c), Competition Commission of India
- **Special Address: Suresh Prabhu**, Founding Chancellor, Rishihood University (Virtual)
- **Keynote Address: Jayant Sinha**, Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance
- **Vote of thanks: Alexey Ivanov**, Director, BRICS Competition Law & Policy Centre

15:15-16:45

Session I: Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Research on the Competition Issues in the Automobile Markets (Industry 4.0)

This session will brainstorm the prospects of the BRICS Working Group for Research on the Competition Issues in the Automobile Markets. The Working Group has been a successful cooperation format for the BRICS competition authorities and results of its work include a research report on competition issues in the automotive sector released in 2021. The report highlighted the emerging issues in the automobile industry and called upon competition authorities to keep an eye on the effects from digitalization of the sector.

This session proposes to upgrade and widen the Working Group mandate drawing the Group's attention to disruptive changes brought to automobile and other heavy industries by digitalization and data-driven technology (Industry 4.0). Participants are welcome to map the problem field of competition law in Industry 4.0 including issues of industrial data ownership and access to essential infrastructure. The session will discuss ways for competition agencies to keep pace with digitalization processes in their national industries and foster the development of national Industry 4.0 players that can effectively compete with incumbent global providers of technology and industry-relevant data.

Chair

- **Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot**, Secretary (I/c), Competition Commission of India

Background note

- **Alexey Ivanov**, Director of the BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre

Speakers

- **Andrey Tsyganov**, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) Russia
- **Representative of the Administrative Council for Economic Defense** (Virtual)
- **Kong Ru**, Deputy Director, Anti-Monopoly Enforcement Division II, SAMR (Virtual)
- **Suresh Prabhu**, Founding Chancellor, Rishihood University (Virtual)
- **Karan Singh Chandhiok**, Practice Head, Competition and Dispute Resolution, Chandhiok & Mahajan

16:45-17:00 Tea/Coffee Break

17:00-18:15

Session II: Ecological Approach to Competition Law in the New Economy

This session will focus on the innovative approach to the ecosystem economy that views digital ecosystems as similar in many ways to their natural counterparts. An ecological approach to regulation of digital ecosystems and platforms – ecoantitrust – presumes that ecosystem businesses are organised as complex systems and thus their features and behavior can be compared to some pivotal examples of complex systems – natural ecosystems. This approach uses analogies and methods from ecology and biology to formulate a new toolbox for regulators tasked with controlling the growing power of digital ecosystem businesses. This session will include a presentation of the Ecoantitrust project followed by a discussion.

Moderator

- **Andrey Tsyganov**, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS), Russia

Speakers

- **Alexey Ivanov**, Director, BRICS Competition Law & Policy Centre
- **Elena Rovenskaya**, Program Director, IIASA
- **Ujjwal Kumar**, Associate Director, CUTS International
- **Jia Kai**, Associate Professor, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) (Virtual)
- **Tembinkosi Bonakele**, Former Commissioner, South African Competition Commission (Virtual)

Discussant:

- **Jasper van den Boom**, PhD Candidate, Tilburg Law School
- **Daria Kotova**, Research Fellow, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre

18:15-18:30 Tea/Coffee Break

18:30-19:55

Session III: Ex Ante Rules and Competition Law for the Digital Economy. Indian Perspective

Faced with the challenges of the digital economy, regulators around the world are struggling to choose the right mode of action. While equipping existing competition law with new tools calibrated for digital markets may be one option, an increasing number of jurisdictions prefer to draft rules that target certain digital platforms and a specific list of harmful practices. For competition authorities, this may mean that competition law is losing its regulatory relevance in the new economy.

To put a spotlight on these issues, this session will discuss the Indian approach to the digital economy that strives to combine ex ante rules with the competition law

machinery. The session speakers are invited to share their views on the future of the Indian digital market and the recent regulatory initiatives such as the Competition (Amendment) Bill, particularly implementation of deal value threshold, calculation of global turnover for a penalty, intellectual property rights as an exemption etc., as well as the proposed institutional changes to the CCI. The goal of the session is to envision India's place among the pioneering jurisdictions that strive to develop a sustainable digital economy including by reinvigorating the power of competition law.

Moderator

Navneet Sharma, *Director General, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition*

Speakers

- **Payal Malik**, *Adviser (Economics Division), Competition Commission of India*
- **Vikas Kathuria**, *Associate Professor, BML Munjal Law School*
- **Augustine Peter**, *Former Member CCI, and Founder and Head, APRLP LAW*
- **Manas Kumar Chaudhuri**, *Partner, Khaitan & Co. Advocates, New Delhi*
- **Samir R Gandhi**, *Partner, Axiom5 Law Chambers*
- **Deeksha Manchanda**, *Partner, Competition and Data Privacy, Chandhiok and Mahajan*
- **Nicolo Zingales**, *Professor, FGV Direito Rio (Virtual)*
- **Ettore Maria Lombardi**, *Professor, School of Law, University of Florence*

20:00-21:00 Dinner

About

Competition Commission of India(CCI) -

The Competition Commission of India is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002 throughout India and to prevent activities that have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India.

BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre -

BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre is a project of systematic strategic cooperation of BRICS competition authorities with academia with a purpose to develop unified approaches to antimonopoly regulation of innovative and socially important markets.

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition(CIRC) -

CIRC, is a not-for-profit and independent research and capacity-building organisation which has been active in the areas of competition, regulation and sustainable infrastructure including PPPs.

CUTS International -

Established in 1983, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation working on public interest issues. CUTS works towards enabling consumers, particularly the poor and the marginalised to achieve their right to basic needs, sustainable development, and good governance through a strong consumer movement.



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