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Speaker Profile



Pradeep S Mehta
*Founder Secretary-
General
CUTS International*

Pradeep S Mehta (73) is the founder Secretary-General of the Jaipur-based Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), leading economic policy research, advocacy and networking, non-governmental group in India, with offices in Nairobi, Lusaka, Hanoi, Accra, Geneva and Washington DC. CUTS was established in 1983 and has completed 35 glorious years.

Currently, he is a Member of the CII's International Trade Policy Council. He has served as: Member of the Board of Trade; Better Regulatory Advisory Group; and Steering Committee on Ecomark; Think Tank on "Framework for a National Policy on E-commerce" of the Government of India. Among several advisory positions, he has been and/or is honorary Adviser to the Commerce and Industries Minister of India, Trade, Commerce & Industry Minister of Zambia, and the Director-General of the WTO.

A prolific writer, gifted speaker, skilled trainer and organiser in the social science field, Mehta has been named as one of the 30 most famous columnists in India by a leading newspaper in India. He has published/edited several books and papers on trade, investment, competition and development.



Nitin Desai
*Former Under-
Secretary-General for
Economic and Social
Affairs
United Nations*

Nitin Desai is a distinguished economist and a well-known voice in public policy nationally and internationally, especially in the sustainable development sector. In the Planning Commission (1973-88), he later served as the Chief Economic Adviser and Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, in the Ministry of Finance (1988-90). He also served as Senior Economic Adviser for the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission) where he introduced the concept of sustainable development.

He was the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs in the UN, where his major contributions included the organisation of a series of global summits, notably the Rio Earth Summit (1992), the Copenhagen Social Development Summit (1995), the Monterrey Finance and Development Summit (2002) and the Johannesburg Sustainable

Development Summit (2002). He oversaw the creation of the Commission on Sustainable Development in the UN and was the first Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.



William E Kovacic
*Professor of Law and
Policy
George Washington
University*

William E Kovacic serves as a Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy; Professor of Law and Director, Competition Law Centre at the George Washington University Law School.

Before joining the law school in 1999, Kovacic was the George Mason University Foundation Professor at the George Mason University School of Law. He was the Federal Trade Commission's General Counsel from June 2001-December 2004. From January 2006-October 2011, Kovacic was a member of the Federal Trade Commission and chaired the agency from March 2008-2009. In 2011 he received the FTC's Miles W. Kirkpatrick Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Since August 2013, Kovacic has served as a Non-Executive Director with the UK's Competition and Markets Authority. From January 2009-September 2011, he was Vice-Chair for Outreach for the International Competition Network. He has advised many countries and international organisations on antitrust, consumer protection, government contracts, and the design of regulatory institutions.

He is the author of several books and research studies.



Isabelle Durant
*Deputy Secretary-
General
UNCTAD*

Isabelle Durant of Belgium took up the position of Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD on July 03, 2017. She served as Acting Secretary-General from February 16-September 12, 2021. Since she joined UNCTAD, Durant has relentlessly contributed to making international trade more inclusive and greener. She has also been an advocate for gender equality.

A former Vice Prime Minister and Senator of Belgium and Vice President of the European Parliament, Durant possesses solid experience in public affairs, intergovernmental processes and providing concrete assistance to countries.

Durant also served as Minister of Transport and Energy in Belgium for four years. She oversaw mobility, infrastructure, energy and sustainable development policies between 1999-2003.

As a Belgian Senator from 2003-2009, she served on the Foreign and Social Affairs committees. She participated in many election observation missions, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt and Tunisia.

She also served as a Senior Expert on Local Governance in Algeria in 2015 and 2016. In addition, she participated in or headed EU Parliamentarian delegations to Iran, Myanmar and Haiti.

Born in Belgium in 1954, she holds a Master's degree in economic and social policy from the country's Universite Catholique de Louvain. She is well known for her meticulous skills in empowering people, addressing vulnerabilities at local and national levels and supporting governments towards good governance and sustainable policies.



Arancha González
*Former Minister of
Foreign Affairs,
Spain*

Arancha González, an expert in international trade issues with 20 years of experience, has served as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Spanish government. She has also served as Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC), the joint development agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organisation (WTO), from September 2013-January 2020. González, a Spanish national, has extensive knowledge of international trade and economics, coupled with broad experience in trade and development matters in the public and private sectors, as well as in management at multilateral organisations.

Before joining ITC, González served as Chief of Staff to WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005-2013. During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the Aid for Trade initiative and served Lamy's representative (Sherpa) at the G-20. Before working at the WTO, González held several positions at the European Commission, conducting trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts. Between 2002-2004, she was the European Commission spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner.

She holds a degree in law from the University of Navarra and a postgraduate degree in European Law from the University of Carlos III, Madrid. She co-chairs the World Economic Forum Agenda Council on the Future of Trade and Investment.



Rathin Roy
*Managing Director –
Research and Policy
Overseas
Development Institute*

Rathin Roy is Managing Director of Overseas Development Institute (ODI). His policy interests and research have mainly focused on fiscal and macroeconomic issues pertinent to human development in developing and emerging economies.

Roy was formerly the Director and CEO of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) in New Delhi. He has previously worked as an Economic Diplomat and Policy Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with postings in London, New York, Kathmandu and Brasilia. He has also served as an Economic Adviser with the Thirteenth Finance Commission, New Delhi, in the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Roy holds a Ph.D. and an M.Phil in Economics from the University of Cambridge, an MA in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University and a BA (Hons) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi. He has taught at the Universities of Manchester and London.



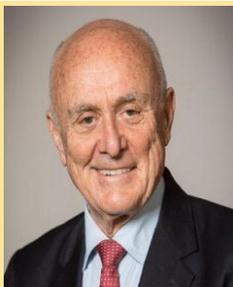
Sangeeta Verma
*Member
Competition
Commission of India*

Sangeeta Verma, an officer of the 1981 batch of the Indian Economic Service (IES), joined as a Member of the Competition Commission of India on December 24, 2018. Verma is an experienced administrator, regulator and policymaker – having served for over 37 years in the Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh before joining the Commission. Her breadth of experience ranges from field postings in Uttar Pradesh to Principal Adviser to the Government of India in the Department of Consumer Affairs, where she was responsible for administering the Essential Commodities Act, the Consumer Protection Act and the Price Stabilisation Fund. As Principal Adviser in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (now DPIIT), Government of India, she advised on Trade and Fiscal Policy.

In other sectors, such as the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, she handled diverse subjects such as policy on pricing of agricultural produce and power tariffs. In the Ministry of Women & Child Development, she was responsible for administering all special laws for women, gender budgeting, and drafting the Bill on Sexual Harassment at Workplace, which has since been enacted.

On the regulatory front, she served as the Secretary, Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) for five years (2002-2007) wherein she was the key point of contact for the regulatory aspects of the State's power sector (regulations, tariffs, licenses, etc.). During her term as Secretary, the UPERC finalised the regulations for licensing of transmission, distribution and trading companies, tariff regulations for all licensees and renewable purchase power obligations for distribution licensees. She also served as a Member of the Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction established under SICA for deciding on appeals against orders of the erstwhile Board for Industrial Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

Verma holds a Doctorate (PhD.) degree in Economics (Financial Decentralisation of District Plans) from Lucknow University, Master in Arts (MA) from the University of Reading (UK) – Dean's list and MA Economics from the Delhi School of Economics.



Allan Fels AO
*Professorial Fellow
University of
Melbourne*

Allan Fels AO is a professorial fellow at the University of Melbourne in the Law School and the Faculty of Business and Economics and Monash University in the Faculty of Business and Economics.

He is former Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and its predecessor bodies, the Trade Practices Commission and the Prices Surveillance Authority. Fels was Dean of Australia and New Zealand School of Government from 2003-2012. He was a Professor and Director of the Monash Graduate School of Management from 1984-1990. Before that, he was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Monash University from 1973-1984. He is former Chair of the Australian National Mental Health Commission, a former Commissioner of the Victorian Royal Commission into Mental Health, and Chair of the Haven Foundation.

Fels is Chair of Visy Australasia Governance Board and Public Interest Journalism Initiative. He has had numerous government appointments at the National and State levels. He has recently written *Tough Customer*, Melbourne University Press (2019).



Daniel Schwarz
Senior Associate
Clifford Chance

Daniel Schwarz is a Senior Associate at Clifford Chance, advising businesses and governments on all areas of competition law. Daniel is also a Legal Fellow at Cambridge University's Centre for Finance, Technology & Regulation. His research addresses the application of competition policy to FinTech from legal and economic perspectives. He has delivered lectures at Oxford University, HM Treasury, the OECD, the Centre for Competition Policy and the Bank of Spain. He has had articles published on financial services, insurance, merger control and free trade agreements. He won the Highly Commended prize in the Law Society Competition Section's Horsfall-Turner essay competition.

He previously worked as a Counsel at the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC, advising on international finance, trade and competition law. He was an author of a leading IMF report on *Rising Corporate Market Power* launched with Senator Amy Klobuchar and Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. He was previously seconded from Clifford Chance to the Strategy & Competition Division at the Financial Conduct Authority. He holds degrees in economics from the University of Warwick and law from the University of Nottingham.



Nicolas Petit
Professor
European University
Institute

Nicolas Petit is Joint Chair in Competition Law at the Department of Law and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. He is also invited Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges.

Before joining the EUI, Nicolas Petit held a public office position as a part-time judge with the Belgian competition authority. He has also worked in private practice with a leading US law firm in Brussels.

Nicolas Petit is the author of *Big Tech and the Digital Economy: The Moligopoly Scenario* (Oxford University Press, 2019), co-author of *EU Competition Law and Economics* (Oxford University Press, 2012) and author of *Droit européen de la concurrence* (Domat Montchrestien, 2013 and 2018), a monograph which was awarded the prize for the best law book of the year at the Constitutional Court in France.

In 2005 he was a member of Harvard Law School's Visiting Researchers Programme. Nicolas Petit's work has appeared in numerous journals, including the *Antitrust Law Journal*, the *European Law Review*, the *Review of Industrial Organisation*, the *Columbia Journal of European Law* and the *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal*.

Nicolas Petit is the 44th top ssrn author in the category "Law". Since 2017 he is a member of the European Commission High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence.



Lynn Robertson
*Competition Expert
and Project Manager
OECD*

Lynn Robertson is a Competition Expert and project manager in the OECD Competition Division. She is currently leading the project on Gender Inclusive Competition Policy. Amongst other responsibilities, Ms. Robertson manages relations with Africa and the MENA region, including the Joint UNESCWA-UNCTAD-OECD MENA Competition Forum and related activities. She also leads the organisation of the annual OECD-IDB Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum.

Before being invited to join the Competition Division, Robertson worked in the OECD Anti-Corruption Division, responsible for implementing and monitoring the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions. Before joining the OECD, Robertson worked with foundations in Canada to launch new programmes and projects. She was Director of Business Programmes at the GLOBE Foundation of Canada (www.globe.ca), which promotes the business case for sustainable development and undertakes groundbreaking work on climate financing. Robertson is a founding member of the University of Toronto G7/8 G20 Research Group and continues to be active in it.

Robertson studied international relations, economics and development at the University of Toronto and the South Pacific.



Thula Kaira
*Lead Consultant on
Competition and
Regulatory Law and
Policy
AB&David*

Thula Kaira is the lead consultant on competition and regulatory law and policy with AB&David, a pan African law firm. He has over 23 years of experience. He worked for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission [CCPC] in Zambia in 1998 and interned at the Australia Competition and Consumer Commission [ACCC] in 2002. He returned to CCPC and was CEO from 2008-2011.

In 2011, he left to establish the Competition Authority (CA) in Botswana, of which he was CEO from 2011 to 2016. He left Botswana in 2016 to focus on consultancy work. He was Technical Adviser to the Eswatini [formerly Swaziland] Competition Commission 2019-2020 and is currently assisting another country in establishing its competition authority. Thula is a competition lawyer, micro-economist, and management specialist. He has written several peer-reviewed papers and made presentations at various international fora on the competition.



Geeta Gouri
*Former Member
Competition
Commission of India*

Geeta Gouri has been a Member (Commissioner), Competition Commission of India (2009-2014), before which she was Director (Tariffs), Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (1999-2009). Her regulatory experience of 15 years in these two commissions at their formative stages shaped her perceptive insights into regulatory activities for India's transition to an open market economy. She is a member of the Governing Council and Management Committee of CIRC. She currently edits the South Asia handle of Competition Policy International.

A doctorate in economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, her early years in academics saw a continuing interest in combining economic theory with praxis as a regulator.

She has authored and edited several books on broad-ranging subjects:

Pricing for Welfare: Petroleum Products in India; Privatisation and Public Enterprises: The Asia-Pacific Experience; Efficiency through Competition in Public Utilities - Policies for Restructuring.

Some of her recent papers have appeared in *Competition Policy International*, 2020 Review of Industrial Organization, (June 2018); *The Criterion Journal of Innovation*, (Vol 2, 2017); *Concurrence Review* 2015. Gouri's recent book 'A Commissioner's Primer to Economics of Competition Law in India,' published by Palgrave Macmillan's Springer Nature, Singapore, will be released shortly.



Ambassador Mohan Kumar
Chairman
Research and
Information System
for Developing
Countries (RIS)

Ambassador Mohan Kumar has been the Chairman of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) since June 2018. He is Dean, Office of the International Affairs and Global Initiatives, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India. Kumar has had an outstanding career in the Indian Foreign Service.

He has enormous expertise in the area of international trade and multilateral negotiations. Kumar was India's lead negotiator, first at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and then at the WTO in crucial areas such as Intellectual Property Rights, Services, Dispute Settlement and Environment. He has served on multiple GATT/WTO panels relating to dispute settlement.

Kumar oversaw India's bilateral ties with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Maldives from 2005 to 2007 as Joint Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.

Kumar holds an MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi and a Ph.D. from Sciences Po, Paris. He is the author of a book entitled "Negotiation Dynamics of the WTO: An Insider's Account", published by Palgrave Macmillan (2018).



Ellen 't Hoen
Director
Medicines Law &
Policy

Ellen 't Hoen (1960) is the Director of Medicines Law & Policy, a group of legal and policy experts offering advice to international organisations and governments. From 1999 until 2009, she was the Director of Policy for Médecins sans Frontières. In 2009, she joined UNITAID in Geneva to set up the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP). She was the MPP's first Executive Director Until 2012.

She has published widely and is the author of several books. In 2017, she received the *Prix Prescrire* for her book "*Private Patents and Public Health: Changing intellectual property rules for public health.*"

In 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011 and in 2020, she was listed as one of the 50 most influential people in intellectual property by the journal *Managing Intellectual Property*. In 2020, she was appointed Officer of the Order of Oranje-Nassau, a royal award given in recognition of her work on access to medicines.

She has a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Amsterdam and a Ph.D. from the University of Groningen. She remains a Global Health Law Fellow at the law faculty.

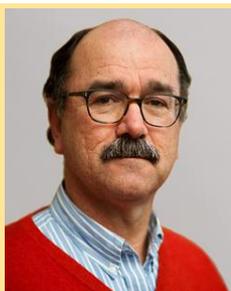


Alexey Ivanov
*Director
BRICS Competition
Law and Policy
Centre*

Alexey Ivanov is Director of the BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre, established by and with the support of the BRICS competition authorities to intensify cooperation between the academia of the BRICS countries. He is also Head of the HSE-Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development in the Higher School of Economics.

Ivanov contributed to the foundation of the Russian Skolkovo Innovation Centre and was in charge of research and legislation on promoting innovation development in Russia in the framework of G20, the BRICS and more. In 2015, his research project on Global Food Value Chains was launched and supported by the BRICS competition authorities by establishing a joint working group to focus on global agricultural markets. The effective cooperation of the BRICS competition authorities further resulted in the review of the Bayer/Monsanto case and the first implementation of a remedy in Russian merger control.

He is a prolific author in competition law, antitrust regulation in the new economic and social reality, intellectual property, innovation studies, and digital and agricultural development policy. In 2017, Ivanov was awarded the Medal of the Order "For Merit to the Fatherland" by the President of Russia.



Bernard Hoekman
*Professor and
Director
European University
Institute*

Bernard Hoekman is Professor and Director, Global Economics, at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, where he is also the Dean for External Relations. He has held management positions in the World Bank and served as an economist in the GATT Secretariat. A CEPR Research Fellow is a graduate of the Erasmus University Rotterdam and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Michigan. His research focuses on international trade and global governance.



Hardin Ratshisusu
*Deputy
Commissioner
Competition
Commission of South
Africa*

Hardin Ratshisusu is Deputy Commissioner of the Competition Commission of South Africa appointed by the Minister of Economic Development in 2016. Before that, he held various senior roles at the Competition Commission and in the private sector.

As Deputy Commissioner, he is responsible for oversight over the Commission's investigative and enforcement activities. He also actively participates in international fora, such as the OECD, BRICS, UNCTAD and ACF, and occasionally publishes papers in recognised academic journals.

He holds a BCom (Honours-Economics) from the University of Venda, MCom (Economics) from the University of Witwatersrand and a Master of Business Leadership from South Africa. He has completed the PURC/World Bank Training Programme on Utility Regulation and Strategy with the University of Florida and the Senior Executive Programme for Africa with the Harvard Business School.



Mia Mikic
*Adviser at Large
ARTNeT*

Mia Mikic is a trade economist with a keen interest in sustainable development and a proven track record and experience in academia and international civil service. She is a member of the Friends of Multilateralism Group.

She is currently an Adviser at Large for the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an open network of research and academic institutions and think tanks in the Asia-Pacific region. She is also a Visiting fellow at the Institute for Euro-Asian Studies, the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb and a Research Fellow at the Waikato Management School, The University of Waikato, New Zealand, Research Fellow at the Waikato Management School, The University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Mikic was appointed as a member of the International Advisory Board for the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in August 2021 for two years. She provides advisory services in a broad area of trade, development, and global governance as a member of advisory boards, consultancy, and journal editorial boards. She is collaborating with several universities on modernising international trade curricula.

She was a Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division in United Nations ESCAP (2017-2021). Before her 16-year UN tenure, from 2001 to 2005, she was Head of the Department of Economic Theory, Professor of International Economics and Director of Economic and Business International Program at the University of Zagreb, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland (1988-2005). She held various academic and teaching positions at the University of Zagreb from 1978 to 1988.

She is the author of many books, reports, and papers and has edited or co-edited several volumes on international economics, regional integration, and development. Between 2009 and 2020, she oversaw the preparation of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report (APTIR), a flagship publication in trade and investment. Her current research and advisory work focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on trade and global value chains, frontier technologies and inclusive future of work, advocating for women as influencers in policymaking, services trade, and promoting evidence-based policymaking.

She designed, run and/or served as a resource person of more than 40 regional or national trade policy and the WTO-related courses in the organisation of United Nations ESCAP, FAO, WTO, UNCTAD and other institutions for government officials, NGO representatives, members of academia and businesspeople.

She has a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Zagreb (1985), Masters of International Business from St. Mary's College of California (1981), and Bachelors of International Trade, University of Zagreb (1978).



Jay Gullish
*Senior Digital Policy
Director
USIBC*

Jay Gullish leads the US-India Business Council's Digital Economy Committee, Media and Entertainment Committee and Privacy Working Group. Gullish has passionately promoted digital development in more than 20 countries over his 25 years of experience in government, industry, and civil society across the telecoms, information technology, satcom, and cyber sectors. He has a reputation as an innovative critical thinker and industry expert known for thought leadership, problem-solving and an ability to get the job done.

Most recently, Gullish served as a digital policy officer at the US Embassy in New Delhi, covering cyber policy, telecommunications, information technology, digital inclusion, and commercial space. While at the Embassy, he aligned US cyber policy toward India across multiple in-country USG agencies and consulates on behalf of the State Department's Coordinator for Cyber Issues (S/CCI). Gullish was also the in-country lead for the US-India ICT Working Group and the US-India Cyber Consultations. He previously worked in India's outsourcing industry and lived and worked in India for over five years. He has international technology experience in southern Africa, Israel, and Vietnam.

Born in New York and raised in California, Gullish has a passion for the outdoors, wildlife and actions that ensure the long-term health of our planet. He is also active in promoting STEM education.



**Torbjörn
Fredriksson**
*Head, E-commerce
and Digital Economy
Branch
UNCTAD*

Torbjörn Fredriksson heads the E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch at the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Fredriksson joined the UN in 2000. Before joining UNCTAD, he held positions at the Invest in Sweden Agency and the Swedish Ministry of Industry and Commerce. He has an MSc in International Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics.



Thibault Schrepel
*Faculty Affiliate
Stanford University
CodeX Centre*

Thibault Schrepel, LL.M., is an Associate Professor of Law at VU Amsterdam University and a Faculty Affiliate at Stanford University CodeX Centre. He has created "Computational Antitrust" project that brings together over 50 antitrust agencies. Thibault also holds research and teaching positions at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Sciences Po Paris. He is a Harvard University Berkman Center alumnus, a French Superior Audiovisual Council's scientific board member, and a blockchain expert appointed to the World Economic Forum.

In 2018, Thibault was granted the "Academic Excellence" Global Competition Review Award, which recognizes "an academic competition specialist who has made an outstanding contribution to competition policy."

He has published a first manuscript (Bruylant ed.) on “predatory innovation in antitrust law” and articles at Harvard University, Stanford, MIT, Oxford, NYU, Berkeley, and Georgetown, among others.

These last couple of years, Thibault has been focusing most of his research on blockchain antitrust. He has written the world’s most downloaded antitrust articles of 2018 (“The Blockchain Antitrust Paradox”), 2019 (“Collusion by Blockchain and Smart Contracts”), and 2020 (“Blockchain Code as Antitrust”). His latest book, “Blockchain + Antitrust”, was published in September 2021. Finally, you may find Thibault to listen to nineties rock music and free jazz or watch Seinfeld and B movies.



Chetan Krishnaswamy
VP - Public Policy
Amazon

Chetan Krishnaswamy is the Vice President of Public Policy at Amazon. Prior to joining Amazon, he was the Director, Public Policy at Google. He served as a Director, Corporate Affairs, Dell India and Head, Public Affairs (Policy & Programmes) at Intel and Technical Assistant to the President of Intel India. He previously worked with The Times of India as an Assistant Editor & Chief of Bureau, IT. He holds degrees in English from Mysore University and an MBA in Marketing from Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies.



Katharine Kemp
Senior Lecturer -
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Katharine Kemp is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW Sydney, and recently led the university-wide UNSW Grand Challenge on Trust.

Kemp’s research focuses on competition law (particularly the misuse of market power), consumer protection and data privacy regulation. She has published widely in these fields, including "Misuse of Market Power: Rationale and Reform" (Cambridge University Press, 2018), "Competition Law of South Africa" (LexisNexis) with PJ Sutherland, and numerous peer-reviewed journal articles.

Kemp is the Co-Leader of the "Data as a Source of Market Power" research stream for The Allens Hub for Technology, Law and Innovation, with Assoc Prof Rob Nicholls of the UNSW Business School. She convenes and lectures courses in Data Privacy Law, Contracts, and Financial Law and Regulation in the Age of Fintech.

Before joining the faculty, Kemp was a Research Fellow on the UNSW Digital Financial Services Research Team, conducting in-depth research into the regulation of digital financial services in developing countries, mainly through fieldwork in these countries.

She has also practiced as a commercial lawyer at Allens, as a barrister in Melbourne, and consulted with the Competition Commission of South Africa during the six years she lived and worked in South Africa.

She is a Member of the Centre for Law and Market Regulation, a Member of the Australian Privacy Foundation and a Member of the Advisory Board

of the Future of Finance Initiative in India.



Peter M Mwencha
*Assistant Professor
American
International
University, Kuwait*

Peter M Mwencha is an Assistant Professor in the School of Business at the American International University (AIU) in Kuwait. Mwencha has more than 15 years of wide-ranging experience at institutional, country and international levels in various sectors, including education, ICT and international development.

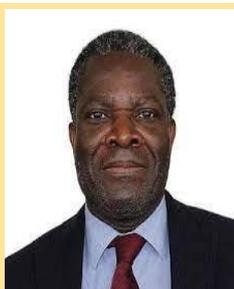
He is passionate about advancing public interest issues through evidence-based research and policy advocacy in digital economy, economic regulation, and consumer protection.



Vedika Mittal Kumar
*Senior Resident
Fellow
Vidhi Centre for
Legal Policy*

Vedika Mittal Kumar is Senior Resident Fellow and leads Vidhi's work in the field of Competition Law. Her current research focuses on the anti-trust regulation of digital platforms. She has also led projects commissioned by various ministries in diverse areas, including domestic and cross-border insolvency and company law for the Corporate Law and Financial Regulation team at Vidhi. Vedika has been invited to speak at various national and international conferences in her field of work and regularly contributes to leading financial dailies such as The Economic Times, Deccan Herald, Business Standard and The Hindu BusinessLine. She was also selected for the prestigious Chevening Financial Services Fellowship by the Foreign Commonwealth Office, UK and Kings College London.

Before joining Vidhi, she worked in the Chambers of Dayan Krishnan, Senior Advocate. She has also worked as the Khaitan & Co. Research Fellow for M&A at Gujarat National Law University and as an associate in the Capital Markets team at Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai. Vedika completed her B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) from Gujarat National Law University in 2011 and an MCL from the University of Cambridge in 2014, where she was ranked 2nd in her cohort.



Raymond Tavares
*UNIDO
Representative in
Cameroon and
Central African
countries*

Raymond Tavares has over 25 years of work experience in innovation management, technology development, quality infrastructure for international trade and development. Tavares holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Economics and a Master in Innovation Management.

In recent years, Tavares has managed projects and programmes to assist UNIDO member states in their inclusion process in the NIR and the future of manufacturing. Since 2020, he has been the UNIDO Representative in Cameroon and Central African countries.



Kelvin A Sergeant
*SED Specialist, DWT,
South Asia and
Country Office, India
International Labour
Organization*

Kelvin A Sergeant took up the Sustainable Enterprise Development and Job Creation Specialist position for South Asia, based in the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team (DWT) in New Delhi in September 2018. He provides technical advisory services to seven sub-regions: Afghanistan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Before joining the DWT in South Asia, he was based in the ILO DWT and Office for the Caribbean, working as Sustainable Enterprise Development Specialist and Job Creation, where he provided technical services. He introduced ILO approaches and tools in areas, such as micro and small enterprise development, multinational enterprises, cooperatives, productivity improvements, local economic development, green jobs and social finance.

Before joining the ILO, Sergeant was employed as an Economic Affairs Officer in the Economic Development and Integration Unit at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Sergeant is a Graduate of the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics with honours and a Master of Science Degree in Economics. He also holds certificates in Agriculture Planning and Development and Derivatives Trading. Sergeant has over 20 years of working experience in both the public and private sectors combined. These include an Economist at the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, Group Economist and Head of Research at the RBTT Financial Limited, now RBC, and other financial institutions. He has worked in the public sector at the Ministry of Planning and Development, sat on two Vision 2020 Planning Committees, and served as the Chief Executive Officer of NEDCO, a State-owned company involved in micro-financing and training.

He has provided consultancy services for a range of companies and organisations, including CARICOM and United Nations Organisations in areas such as economic performance of the local, regional and international economies, labour market, and the financial sector, the Securities Market the energy sector, inter-alia.

Sergeant was also a part-time lecturer at the University of the West Indies and UWI Open Campus and served as Academic Director at ROYTEC – UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited. He also lectured in courses for the University of New Brunswick, Canada and ROYTEC. He has lectured in International Trade, economics, Statistics, Entrepreneurship, Financial Economics and Money and Finance.



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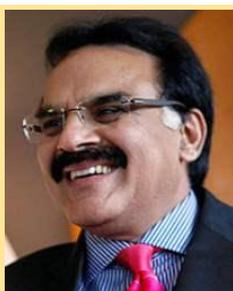


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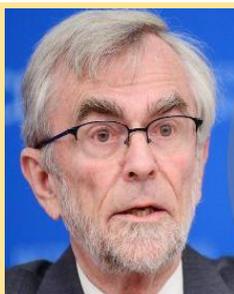


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