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Speaker Profile



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Alexey Ivanov is the 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.



Allan Asher
Chair, Fairer Future, Australia

Allan Asher is the Chair of the Fairer Future. He is also the Chair and Managing Consultant of the Foundation for Effective Markets and Governance (FEMAG). He works with a range of businesses to support them in achieving positive outcomes. Along with that, engaged in a number of research and consulting projects concerning the delivery of healthcare services, regulation of professional services, consumer and competition law and policy for the 10 ASEAN member states. He was the deputy chairperson at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).



Uma Rani
Senior Economist, Research, International Labour Organisation

Uma Rani is Senior Economist at the Research Department of the International Labour Organisation. She has conducted research on informal economy, minimum wages, poverty and inequality issues with a focus on gender. Since 2016, she has been working on digital transformations in the world of work, wherein she tries to explore how labour and social institutions could be strengthened to address economic and social inequality. She coordinated the major flagship report of the ILO on "World Employment and Social Outlook 2021: The role of digital labour platforms in transforming the world of

	<p>work” and co-edited the special issue on "Women, work and the digital economy" for Gender and Development, 2022.</p>
 <p>Andrey Tsyganov Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russia</p>	<p>Andrey Tsyganov is the Deputy Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation. He works on issues of international economic cooperation and control of foreign investments to economic entities with strategic significance for state defence and security. Member of a number of sub-commissions of the Governmental commission on economic development and integration: on non-tariff, customary and tariff regulation, defence measures in foreign trade; on ensuring sustainable development of the Russian economy; on technical regulation and application of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures. Andrey Tsyganov actively participates in the work of the FAS Russia’s cooperation with international organisations and foreign competition authorities in the area of antimonopoly policy.</p>
 <p>Archana Jatkar Associate Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance</p>	<p>Archana Jatkar has a strong passion for healthcare and the education sector. She is an Associate Secretary General (International Trade and Regulatory Affairs) at Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) where she is responsible for developing and executing strategies on international trade policy and regulatory issues. Archana is the Chair for International Trade and Intellectual Property Committee of International Generic and Biosimilar Association (IGBA) for 2023-24. She is also an active StartUp Mentor at the Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) StartUps, fostering and stimulating health and health-based innovators. Previously, she was the Deputy Head for CUTS International working on International Trade issues. Archana works with governments, research and policy community in India, Geneva, USA, South Asia, EU, and with intergovernmental agencies such as the WTO, WHO, UN organisations, industry associations and consultants, globally. She has written several policy research papers and regularly writes in newspapers on contemporary issues of international trade. She has been a guest speaker at law colleges and has also been judging moot court competitions including at National Law College, Gandhinagar, Gujarat in India. Archana also recently completed a programme on Harnessing AI for Breakthrough Innovation and Strategic Impact at Stanford University, USA. With experience as an advocate in corporate and constitutional law before the Hon’ble High Court of Judicature in Bombay, Archana possesses an excellent understanding of India's legal and institutional landscape in trade development and economic laws.</p>



Ariadne Plaitakis
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Ariadne Plaitakis is a Senior Programme Officer in the Financial Services for the Poor team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with a focus on regulation. A former CGAP consultant and antitrust lawyer, she is currently based in London with over 20 years of extensive on-hands experience in digital finance and payments regulation, open banking, financial inclusion, privacy/data protection, e-commerce, competition law, and consumer protection in the EU and emerging markets.







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Augustine Peter is currently Head, AP Regulatory Law Practice (APRLP LAW). After having worked in nationalised banks and later in the Indian Economic Service (IES) since 1980, he served as a Member of the Competition Commission of India during 2014-19. Thereafter, he started practice in the Supreme Court of India, High Courts and Appellate Tribunals. He specialises in regulatory laws, in general, and Competition, Investment, Trade and Energy and Environmental laws, in particular. In his career spanning nearly forty years he also served as Director General (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas), Director General (Competition Commission of India), Economic Adviser (Department of Commerce), Adviser (Competition Commission of India), Director (WTO, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce) and Head (Transport Unit and Science and Technology Unit), Project Appraisal and Management Division), erstwhile Planning Commission of India. He was an Indian Delegate at the UNIDO Investment Promotion Service (IPS) Office in Paris, France, representing the India Investment Centre during 1989-93. He was the Lead International Consultant with the Government of Nepal in 2002 and drafted its investment and industrial policies. He holds postgraduate degrees in Economics from Kerala and Bradford (UK) Universities. He holds a degree in Law from the Delhi University.




Bhubaneswar Kalita
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Bhubaneswar Kalita is a Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Assam. He is also the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, India. He was appointed Minister for Industry, Commerce, Information Technology and Public Enterprises. An advocate by profession, Kalita is a social worker, and politician.

 <p>Bipul Chattopadhyay <i>Executive Director, CUTS International</i></p>	<p>Bipul Chattopadhyay is the Executive Director of CUTS International - a global policy think and action tank based in Jaipur, India. He has been associated with CUTS over the last 26 years in varying capacities and has led various projects in the areas of International Trade, Trade Facilitation, Regional Integration and Connectivity in South Asia. He has represented the organisation at various fora, including presenting papers, conducting training workshops, particularly of CSOs on economic reforms. He has published/edited several books and papers on the political economy of trade and development.</p>
 <p>Claudio Lombardi <i>Lecturer, School of Law, University of Aberdeen</i></p>	<p>Claudio Lombardi is a Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Aberdeen. He specialises in competition law and policy. In addition to teaching, he has consulted for governments and international organisations in these areas.</p>
 <p>Daria Kotova <i>Expert, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre</i></p>	<p>Daria Kotova, LL.M., is a Researcher at the BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre. Daria works on the Centre's projects on competition issues in digital and food markets as well as on the development of the BRICS cooperation in competition policy.</p>
 <p>Deepak Maheshwari <i>Senior Visiting Fellow, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations</i></p>	<p>Deepak Maheshwari is a Delhi based consultant and researcher with a keen interest in the interplay of public policy, technological innovation, and socio-economic development. He is Senior Visiting Fellow at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), Advisor at the Indicus Centre for Financial Inclusion (ICFI) and Advisory Board Member of Software Freedom Law Centre (sflc.in). Earlier, he led the public policy function in Microsoft, Mastercard, Symantec, and Sify for over two decades across India, South Asia, ASEAN and China. A strong believer in the transformative power of public private partnerships, he co-founded the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the ITU-APT Foundation of India. He has also served as Global Chair of the IEEE Internet Initiative, elected Secretary of the ISP Association of India</p>

	<p>(ISPAI), CEO of Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Advisory Board Member of the IIM Ahmedabad-Idea Telecom Center of Excellence, Distinguished Fellow at Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) and Senior Fellow at Centre for The Digital Future (CDF). A graduate in engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, he also has a degree in law.</p>
 <p>Dina Waked <i>Associate Professor, Sciences Po Paris' Law School</i></p>	<p>Dina Waked is an Associate Professor, Sciences Po Paris' Law School and holds an S.J.D. (Doctor of Judicial Science) and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School, an LL.B. from Cairo University Law School, and a BA in Economics from the American University in Cairo. Her doctoral thesis received the Harvard Law School 2012 John M. Olin Law & Economics Prize.</p>
 <p>Eleanor Fox <i>Walter J Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, New York University School of Law</i></p>	<p>Eleanor M Fox is the Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita at New York University School of Law. She is an expert in antitrust and competition policy, and teaches, writes, and advises on competition policy in nations around the world and in international organisations. She has a special interest in developing countries, poverty, and inequality, and explores how opening markets and attacking privilege, corruption, and cronyism can alleviate marginalisation and open paths to economic opportunity and inclusive development.</p>
 <p>Elena Rovenskaya <i>Programme Director, Advancing Systems Analysis, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis</i></p>	<p>Elena Rovenskaya is the Programme Director, Advancing Systems Analysis (ASA) at International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria. Her scientific interests lie in the fields of optimisation, decision science, and mathematical modelling of complex socio-environmental systems. Among many other projects, Elena is co-leading ECOANTITRUST project which is co-executed by IIASA and BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre and aims to understand how digital ecosystems could be conceived holistically as complex adaptive systems.</p>

 <p>Ettore Lombardi <i>Professor of Private Law and International Business Law, University of Florence School of Law</i></p>	<p>Ettore Maria Lombardi is of Counsel, international arbitrator and qualified attorney at law. He is a professor of private law and international business law at the University of Florence School of Law and a visiting professor at some of the most prestigious American, British and German universities. He is actually President of the Supervisory Board on “231 Model” at Nuovo Pignone Holding S.p.A. (global holding of the Baker Hughes Company).</p>
 <p>Farrukh Karabaev <i>Deputy Chairman, Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Committee, Uzbekistan</i></p>	<p>Farrukh Karabaev has almost 18 years of progressive work experience in government agencies and global development organisation, which has armed him with high quality expertise and knowledge of the best international practices in elaboration of institutional innovations, implementation of structural and regulatory reforms, focused on such key policy areas as economic development, good governance, public administration, competition and regulatory policy and investment climate enhancement. Before his appointment to his current position, he held various mid and senior management positions at State Competition Authority, National Agency for Project Management under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (NAPM) and UNDP.</p>
 <p>Frederic Jenny <i>Chairman, OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee</i></p>	<p>Frederic Jenny is the Chairman of the OECD Competition Law and Policy Committee since 1994. He is also an Emeritus Professor of Economics at ESSEC Business School in Paris. He was previously Non-Executive Director of the Office of Fair Trading in the United Kingdom (2007-2014), Judge of the French Supreme Court (Cour de cassation, Economic Commercial and Financial Chamber) from 2004 to August 2012, Vice Chair of the French Competition Authority (1993-2004) and President of the WTO Working Group on Trade and Competition (1997-2004).</p>
 <p>Greg Austin <i>Co-founder, Social Cyber Group</i></p>	<p>Greg Austin is a co-founder of the Social Cyber Group, Australia. He has diverse international experience: as Programme Head for Cyber Power and Future Conflict at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (with offices in Singapore, London, Washington DC, Manama, and Berlin), as a Professor of Cyber Security, Strategy and Diplomacy with the University of New South Wales Canberra; and as Vice President with the EastWest Institute in its Brussels office. He has led an evaluation for the UK Cabinet Office and four other UK government departments; and has undertaken other consultancies with the UK Ministry of Defence, the European</p>

	<p>Commission, Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Office of National Intelligence, and Transport for New South Wales. His academic career, including a Senior Visiting Fellowship in the Department of War Studies at Kings College London, has included eight books on international security, as author or editor. His service as a research leader for prominent NGOs, such as the International Crisis Group and the EastWest Institute, has seen him work from Brussels and London. He began his career in Australian public service roles, including posts in Canberra and Hong Kong in defence intelligence, parliamentary committees, and ministerial staff. Austin has a Ph D in International Relations and a Master of International Law, both from the Australian National University.</p>
 <p>Hardin Ratshisusu <i>Deputy Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa</i></p>	<p>Hardin Ratshisusu was appointed the Deputy Commissioner of the Competition Commission of South Africa by the Minister of Trade and Industry in 2016. Currently he is also Adjunct Associate Professor with the Graduate School of Business Leadership of the University of South Africa. He has worked in the regulatory field with extensive experience in the competition regulatory environment in both the public and private sector. He has worked on cases in several industries including communications, broadcasting, mining, chemicals, retailing, property, healthcare and food. He also actively participates in international platforms such as OECD, BRICS, UNCTAD and African Competition Forum, and has also occasionally published papers in academic journals. He holds a BCom (Hons-Economics) from the University of Venda, MCom (Economics) from the University of Witwatersrand and Master of Business Leadership from the University of South Africa. Ratshisusu has also attended a PURC / World Bank Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy with the University of Florida as well as the Senior Executive Programme for Africa with the Harvard Business School.</p>
 <p>Hee-Eun Kim <i>Director, Competition Policy, Asia Pacific, Meta</i></p>	<p>Hee-Eun Kim is the Director of Competition Policy, Asia Pacific, at Meta, based in Singapore. In her role, she provides strategic oversight and guidance on competition policy matters across the region. Before joining Meta, she served as the Principal Legal Counsel at Samsung Electronics. During her 8-year tenure at Samsung, she worked as the lead antitrust counsel, advising senior management and business divisions on all aspects of international antitrust matters related to semiconductor and mobile businesses.</p>



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Joel Abraham was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) in September 2016. Abraham has extensive business and public sector experience. Immediately prior to his appointment to the FCCC, he was a Regulatory, Compliance, Finance and Business Advisor in various capacities in Australia, Fiji and Tonga both in the public and private sector.



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Kiran N Meetarbhan

Kiran Nandinee Meetarbhan is Barrister at Law, with more than 25 years of legal and regulatory experience, advising domestic and international clients in the areas of competition laws, mergers and acquisition, financial services, investment structuring and taxation amongst others. Kiran was the former Executive Director of the Competition Commission of Mauritius which she joined at its very inception in 2009, as Deputy Executive Director and its Chief Legal Adviser. She,

<p><i>Barrister at Law and former Executive Director, Competition Commission of Mauritius</i></p>	<p>together with the then Executive Director, established the Competition Commission and drafted the Competition Commission Rules of Procedure, and several of its Guidelines and negotiated and drafted the Memorandum of Understanding that were signed with other sector regulators in Mauritius and international and regional bodies. As responsible for advocacy Kiran was advocating the competition legislation which was new to the business landscape in Mauritius and she was also involved in the training of sector regulators, government officials and the judiciary as well as the legal profession on competition matters in Mauritius and abroad.</p>
 <p>Simeon Konan Koffi <i>Executive Director, ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority</i></p>	<p>Simeon Koffi holds a PhD in Economy and a master’s degree in Statistics. Koffi is since May 2021 the Executive Director of the ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority (ERCA). His current job consists in ensuring the enforcement of ECOWAS Competition rules in the ECOWAS region. Prior to this position, he was the Head of the Research and Development Division of the ECOWAS Commission. He worked also as Researcher at the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and at the Ivorian Centre for Economic and Social Research (CIRES), in particular at the Economic Policy Analysis Unit (CAPEC). He provided technical support to Ministries in Côte d’Ivoire, especially in the area of monitoring and evaluation of national policies. Koffi was also a lecturer in Economics, Statistics and Econometrics at the University of Abidjan and at the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA) of Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire).</p>
 <p>Leena Menghaney <i>Global IP Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) - Access Campaign</i></p>	<p>Leena Menghaney is Global IP Advisor at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Access Campaign in India. She began her work on access to HIV treatment with the Lawyers Collective, an India-based human rights organisation, as part of its legal aid unit assisting people living with HIV. She was one of the organisers of a 2005 campaign to ensure that India's new patent law included public health safeguards to limit the impact of patents on access to affordable medicines.</p>

 <p>Mahmoud Momtaz <i>Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority</i></p>	<p>Mahmoud Momtaz is the Chairman for the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA). During his 10 years at the ECA, he has had a wide range of experience in competition enforcement and advocacy. He has been privileged to lead a number of cases ranging from cartels, vertical restraints, abuse of dominance and mergers and acquisitions, tackling various significant sectors including telecommunications, entertainment, industrial and food.</p>
 <p>Marat Omarov <i>Chairman, Agency for Protection and Development of Competition, Republic of Kazakhstan</i></p>	<p>Marat Omarov is the Chairman, Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Before being the chairman, he was the Managing Director at Baiterek National Managing Holding. He was also under the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan.</p>
 <p>Milind Antani <i>Leader, Pharma and Life Sciences Practice and Social Sector Practice, Nishith Desai Associates</i></p>	<p>Milind Antani, a renowned surgeon turned lawyer, leads the Pharma and Healthcare practice at Nishith Desai Associates where he represents high net-worth clients in matters allied to JVs, M&As, VC and Private Equity Investments, Collaborations, Regulatory advice, IP, Licensing and Commercialisation. He also leads the Social Sector Practice and represents various global and national foundations in India. He continues as an active participant in helping frame national policies on key impact areas, within the medical field.</p>
 <p>Nagesh Kumar <i>Director and Chief Executive, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development</i></p>	<p>Nagesh Kumar is the Director and Chief Executive of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID). Prior to taking up this role in May 2021, he served as Director at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), holding several senior management roles during 2009-21 including as Chief Economist, Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division and Social Development Division at the UNESCAP headquarters in Bangkok and as Head of the South and South-West Asia Office located in New Delhi, that he also had the privilege of establishing. He is also a Non-Resident Senior</p>

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 <p>Navneet Sharma <i>Director General, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC)</i></p>	<p>Navneet Sharma’s interest lies where business strategy, economics, law, and policy converge. He assists Governments and Corporates address policy and business issues relating to "business responsibility", "market structure" and "business conduct" through designing customised advisory and capacity-enabling solutions. Prior to CIRC, Sharma held VB Padode Chair Professor in Business Responsibility and the responsibility of Registrar at Vijaybhoomi University. From 2009 to 2012, he steered CIRC as Director. In his professional career, he has taken up various leadership roles with the IICA under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, and Economic Laws Practice (ELP), to name some. His key policy engagements include Planning Commission Working Group on Competition Policy; MCA’s High-Level Committee for Framing India’s National Competition Policy and MCA’s High-Level Committee for Reforming Business Environment in India. He has a Ph.D. in International Trade Law and Economics and an MBA.</p>
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 <p>Pradeep S Mehta <i>Secretary General, CUTS International</i></p>	<p>Pradeep S. Mehta is the Secretary General of Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), a non-profit organisation that focuses on providing the poor with access to developmental opportunities. He founded CUTS in 1983 and helped the organisation establish its presence in seven countries around the world. Currently he is a Member of the WTO DG’s NGO Advisory Board, for the third time. He also serves on the G20/B20’s Council on Africa’s Economic Integration. In the past, he has served on CII’s International Trade Policy Council, GOI’s Board of Trade; Better Regulatory Advisory Group; Steering Committee on Ecomark etc. 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.</p>



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Rahul Rai co-founded Axiom5 after spending close to 15 years at leading Indian firms and the chambers of senior counsel. He led the competition law team at AZB & Partners in Mumbai from 2012 until 2019 and then spent three years as a counsel with the Chambers of Gopal Subramaniam, former Solicitor General of India, developing the skills necessary to lead high-stakes antitrust litigation. Rai's practice focuses on antitrust investigations, contentious competition litigation, and strategic merger control. Drawing from his experience in the courtroom, with the CCI, other stakeholders, and academic engagements, he helps clients navigate the fast-evolving competition policy landscape in India. He has advised and represented clients on a number of complex cartels, abuse of dominance, and vertical restraint investigations across various industries. In 2023, Rai was appointed to an expert panel tasked with drafting a new Digital Competition Act by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.




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 <p>Sachin Kumar Sharma <i>Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies</i></p>	Sachin Kumar Sharma has been working as Associate Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India since November 2009. He has more than 13 years of work experience with progressive responsibilities as an economist and trade expert, both at multilateral and regional levels.
 <p>Samir Kulkarni <i>Head, Department of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai</i></p>	Samir Kulkarni is a PhD in chemical engineering with emphasis on bioprocessing and a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences. He has more than two decades of experience in the biosimilars development industry and is presently the Head of the Department of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology at the Institute of Chemical Technology.
 <p>Sothi Rachagan <i>Emeritus Professor, Nilai University, Malaysia and former Commissioner, MyCC</i></p>	Sothi Rachagan is an Emeritus Professor, Nilai University, Malaysia. He has served as the Vice Chancellor of Nilai University and Commissioner of the Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC). He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya and as Vice Chancellor of Perdana University. Rachagan holds a B.A. (Malaya), Post-Grad Dip Arts (Otago), M.A (Otago), LL M (Bristol) and PhD (London). He is a Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn) and Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.
 <p>Tembinkosi Bonakele</p>	Tembinkosi Bonakele is former Commissioner of the South African Competition Commission. He joined the Commission in 2004 and occupied various positions in the Commission's core divisions. He was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 2008, and prior to that worked as head of mergers, head of compliance, and senior legal counsel respectively. Bonakele's accomplishments at the Commission include establishing the cartels division.

<p><i>Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of South Africa</i></p>	
 <p>Teresa Moreira <i>Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p>	<p>Teresa Moreira is the Head of the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). She joined UNCTAD in 2016 and previously served as the Consumer Director-General of Portugal and as a Member of the Board of the Portuguese Competition Authority when it was first created. She also served as Portugal’s Director-General and Deputy Director General for International Economic Relations and held senior positions at the Directorate-General for Competition.</p>
 <p>Thomas Cheng <i>Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong</i></p>	<p>Thomas Cheng is a Professor at the University of Hong Kong. He has written extensively on competition law in developing countries and on the competition law of a number of Asian jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, China, and Japan. His research has appeared in respected specialist US journals, including Chicago Journal of International Law, Berkeley Business Law Journal, Virginia Law & Business Review, and University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law, and in leading competition law journals such as Journal of Antitrust Enforcement and World Competition. In 2020, he published Competition Law in Developing Countries, the first comprehensive monograph on the topic, with Oxford University Press.</p>
 <p>Ujjwal Kumar <i>Associate Director, CUTS International</i></p>	<p>Ujjwal Kumar is an Associate Director, CUTS International and Deputy Head, CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment and Economic Regulation (CCIER). He has an experience in projects like Competition Assessment of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and State aggregators rules; and Model APMC Act, 2003 for Competition Commission of India (2020 and 2017), conducted a Research project on Competition Assessment of Ride Sharing (2019) and involved in research study BRICS Digital Competition Law and Policy (conducted by BRICS Law and Policy Centre, HSE) (2019).</p>
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