

Role of Competition Law in Economic Transitions

6 June 2024, 10:00 am - 18:30 pm CET

University of Warsaw, Faculty of Management, Szturmowa 1/3, Warszawa, room C-105

This workshop has been organized to foster a discussion on the role of competition law in navigating economic transitions. By examining the transformation journeys of Central-Eastern European (CEE) countries and various countries of the Global South (e.g., South Africa, Colombia), our aim is to elucidate the interplay between the values of competition and non-economic values protected by national constitutions. These discussions will endeavor to evaluate the role of competition law and the institutions tasked with its enforcement in shaping economic orders. Of particular interest is an exploration into whether the manner competition law has been enforced facilitates or hinders inclusive and sustainable economic transformation. The overall aim of the workshop is to reflect on how to build a coherent competition law framework that not only advances the economic goals of a society but also promotes the foundational non-economic values upon which it is built.

9:30 - 9:45 am CET: Registration

9:45 - 10:00 am CET: Workshop Welcome

10:00 – 11:30 am CET – Panel 1: Evolutions of Competition Law and Constitutional Foundations

Ioannis Lianos (University College London): *Re-orientation of Competition Law*

Amber Darr (University of Manchester): *Human Development and the Potential of Competition: A South Asian Perspective*

Maciej Bernatt (University of Warsaw): *Just Transition and the Constitutional Dimension of Competition Law: Between the Past and the Present*

11:30 - 11:45 am CET: Coffee break

11:45 am - 13:30 pm CET – Panel 2: Competition Law and the Economic Transition

Kati Cseres (University of Amsterdam): *Lessons from CEE for future EU Enlargement and Economic Transitions Elsewhere*

Liat Davis (King's College London): *Transformative Competition Law Adjudication: Lessons from South Africa*

Jasminka Pecotić-Kaufman (University of Zagreb): *Evaluating Competition Law System Trajectories in Post-Socialist EU Member States: Institutional Capacity and Cartel Enforcement Intensity*

Dawid Miąsik (Polish Academy of Sciences, Polish Supreme Court): *The Guardians of Last Resort? The Role of Polish Competition Authority and Courts in the Process of Transition*

13:30 - 14:30 pm CET: Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 pm CET – Panel 3: Competition Law and Policy Making

Umut Aydin (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile): *Competition law and Transitions to and away from Democracy*

Thomas Cheng (University of Hong Kong): *Industrial Policy in Economic Transition: The Asian Experience*

Francisco Beneke (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition): *Competition Law and the Influence of Dominant Firms in the Policymaking Process*

16:00 - 16:15 pm CET: Coffee break

16:15 - 17:45 pm CET – Panel 4: Protection of Public Interests in Competition Law

Dennis Davis (Competition Appeal Court, South Africa): *The Complexity Inherent in Adjudicating Public Interest Considerations in Merger Cases*

Vellah Kedogo Kigwiru (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition): *Public Interest Considerations in Competition Law*

Juan David Gutierrez (Universidad de los Andes): *Competition Law and Initiatives for Halting Deforestation in the Amazon*

17:50 - 18:20 pm CET: Keynote

Eleanor Fox (New York University): *Learning from the CEE and Global South Experiences for Future Transitions*

18:20 - 18:30 pm CET: Workshop Summary

Joanna Mazur

18:30 - 18:35 pm CET: Conference closure

Maciej Bernatt and Amber Darr

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To register: <https://forms.gle/35wR9Ud81u11dpJv8>

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