



Competition &
Innovation Lab

Competition & Trade in the 21st Century

2025 Conference



The GW Competition and Innovation Lab is thrilled to organize for the benefit of WTO members a groundbreaking conference, by invitation only, exploring the current issues relating to competition, trade, and global competitiveness.

This conference will take place at the World Trade Organization and will bring together policymakers, scholars, and stakeholders to tackle the challenges and opportunities to promote competition and innovation by improving the integration of competition matters with trade matters.



World Trade Organization
Centre William Rappard
Rue de Lausanne 154,
CH-1211 Geneva 21
Switzerland



7 MARCH
2025

Conference Agenda



08:00am

Registration and Breakfast

08:30am

Opening Remarks

09:00am

1st Session: Improving the Integration Between Competition and Trade

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:45am

2nd Session: Trade & Competition in Food & Agriculture

12:00am

Lunch and Fireside Chat

1:30pm

3rd Session: Trade & Competition for the Digital Economy & Data

2:45pm

4th Session: Trade & Competition in Supply Chain

4:00pm

Coffee Break

4:30pm

5th Session: The Stakeholders' Roundtable

5:45pm

How and Where to Keep the Conversation Going

6:00pm

Cocktail Reception

Some speakers include:



Eleanor Fox

Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation,
Emerita at the New York University



Aurelien Portuese

Research Professor and Founding Director of the GW
Competition & Innovation Lab at the George Washington
University



William Kovacic

Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, and
Director of the Competition Law Center at the George
Washington University



Frederic Jenny

Professor of Economics at ESSEC Business School Paris
and Chair of Competition at Business at OECD

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Eleanor Fox (NYU), Aurelien Portuese (GWU)

09:00am

1st Session: Improving the Integration Between Competition and Trade

Moderator: Eleanor Fox (NYU)

Panelists: William Kovacic (GWU); Frederic Jenny (OECD); Eduardo Perez Motta (PME); Damien Neven (IHEI); Robert Anderson (Consultant)

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:45am

2nd Session: Trade & Competition in Food & Agriculture

Moderator: William Kovacic (GWU)

Panelists: Simon Roberts (Johannesburg); Ulrich Petersmann (EUI); Peter Carstensen (UWInsc)

12:00pm

Lunch

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1:30pm

3rd Session: Trade & Competition for the Digital Economy and Data

Moderator: Frederic Jenny (OECD)

Panelists: Wangombe Kariuki (Bowmans); Pradeep Mehta (CUTS); Oscar Borgogno (GWU); Tommaso Giardini (SGEPT)

2:45pm

4th Session: Trade & Competition in Supply Chain

Moderator: William Kovacic (GWU)

Panelists: Ioannis Lianos (UCL); Alexey Ivanov (BRICS Competition); Mohammad Nurunnabi (Prince Sultan University)

4:00pm

Coffee Break

4:30pm

5th Session: The Stakeholders' Roundtable

Moderator: Aurelien Portuese (GWU)

Panelists: Sander Tordoir (CER); Nils Redeker (Jacques Delors Centre); Thibault Denamiel (CSIS); Robert Walker (Lowy Institute); Joseph Dellatte (Institut Montaigne)

5:45pm

Valedictory Session: How and Where to Keep the Conversation Going

Moderator: Frederic Jenny (OECD)

Panelists: William Kovacic (GWU); Robert Anderson (Consultant); Eleanor Fox (NYU); Laura Baudenbacher (Swiss Competition Auth.)

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