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A premier conference with leading scholars, enforcers and practitioners to discuss competition law and innovation in India.



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SATURDAY**



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MEET THE HOSTS



Join us for an unparalleled gathering of global thought leaders, legal experts, policymakers, and industry trailblazers at the International Conference on Competition Law and Innovation in India.

Co-hosted by the prestigious Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law and George Washington University, this full-day conference promises to be a landmark event in the field of competition law and innovation.

Inaugural Address



Prof. Richard Whish
Emeritus Professor of Law
King's College London

An inaugural address titled “Is the Concept of Dominant Position Relevant to the Regulation of Digital Platforms in Europe?” by **Professor Richard Whish**, Emeritus Professor of Law at King's College London;

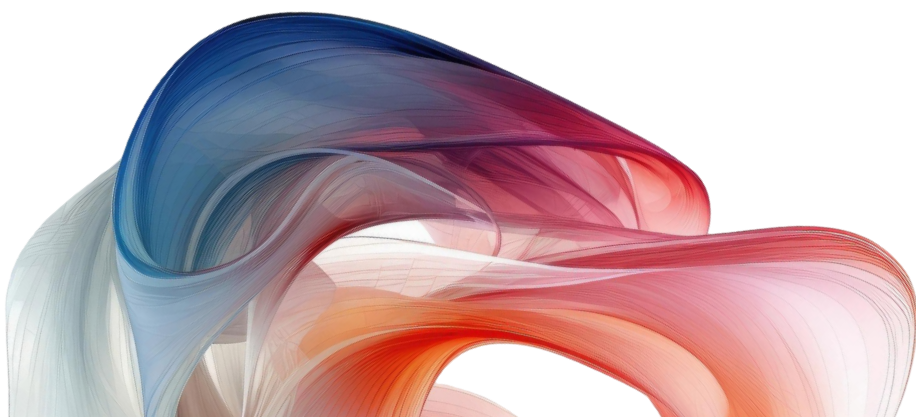
Engaging panel discussions featuring renowned practitioners and policymakers.

Special Address



Antonio Capobianco
OECD
Deputy Head,
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Mr. Antonio is responsible for the proceedings of the OECD Competition Committee and for other work streams of the Division. Over the years at the OECD, he has coordinated a series of OECD projects and work streams and has authored numerous Background Notes of the Secretariat on a wide range of competition law enforcement and policy topics. He has led many in-country projects to support domestic reforms and he regularly represents the OECD at international events.



FORUM SCHEDULE

09:00 AM **REGISTRATIONS & MINI BREAKFAST**

10:00 AM **WELCOME REMARKS & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

10:15 AM **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**



PROF. RICHARD WHISH

Emeritus Professor of Law, King's College London

10:45 AM **INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT SETTING**



PROF. AURELIEN PORTUESE

Research Professor & Founding Director, Competition & Innovation Lab,
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11:00 AM **SPECIAL ADDRESS**



MR. ANTONIO CAPOBIANCO

Deputy Head of the OECD Competition Division

11:15 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



VAIBHAV GAGGAR

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

11:30 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

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- *Regulating Digital Gatekeepers* – Assessing the effectiveness of the DMA, DSA, and other global regulatory frameworks.
- *AI and Algorithmic Collusion* – How AI-driven pricing and market strategies challenge traditional competition law.
- *Interoperability and Data Portability* – The role of open standards in fostering competition.
- *Mergers in the Digital Economy* – The evolving standards for assessing tech mergers and acquisitions.
- *Platform Self-Preferencing* – Evaluating remedies and enforcement in cases of anti-competitive behavior.
- *Digital Market Definition* – Challenges in defining relevant markets in the era of multi-sided platforms.
- *Competition vs. Innovation Trade-Offs* – Balancing regulation and technological advancement.
- *Global Approaches to Digital Regulation* – Comparing U.S., EU, and Asian regulatory strategies.



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1:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM PANEL 2 - AI & COMPETITION POLICY

- *AI and Market Power in India – Assessing dominance and anti-competitive behavior in AI-driven markets.*
- *Regulating AI-Driven Pricing Algorithms – Addressing algorithmic collusion and price discrimination.*
- *AI and Abuse of Dominance – Challenges in enforcing competition laws against AI-powered firms.*
- *Merger Control in AI Markets – Evaluating the impact of AI acquisitions on competition in India.*
- *Data Access and Competition – The role of data-sharing mandates and interoperability in AI markets.*
- *Balancing Innovation and Regulation – Ensuring competition without stifling AI growth in India's digital economy.*
- *Comparative Perspectives – Lessons from global AI competition policies for India.*
- *Role of the CCI in AI Regulation – Enforcement strategies and policy directions for India's Competition Commission.*



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3:30 PM NETWORKING BREAK

4:00 PM PANEL 3 - MERGER CONTROL AND COMPETITION IN INDIA

- *Evolving Standards for Merger Review in India – How the CCI assesses competitive effects in dynamic markets.*
- *Killer Acquisitions in Indian Markets – Addressing concerns over tech and pharma sector mergers.*
- *AI and Data-Driven Mergers – Evaluating the role of big data and AI in merger analysis.*
- *Public Interest and National Security Considerations – The intersection of competition law and broader policy objectives.*
- *Digital Markets and Conglomerate Mergers – Challenges in regulating multi-market tech and platform acquisitions.*
- *Ex-Ante vs. Ex-Post Merger Control – Finding the right balance for Indian competition policy.*
- *Globalization and Cross-Border Mergers – How India's regulatory framework aligns with global trends.*
- *Reforming Indian Merger Control – Potential amendments to the Competition Act for more effective enforcement.*



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5:15 PM VALEDICTORY SESSION



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6:00 PM DINNER & COCKTAILS



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