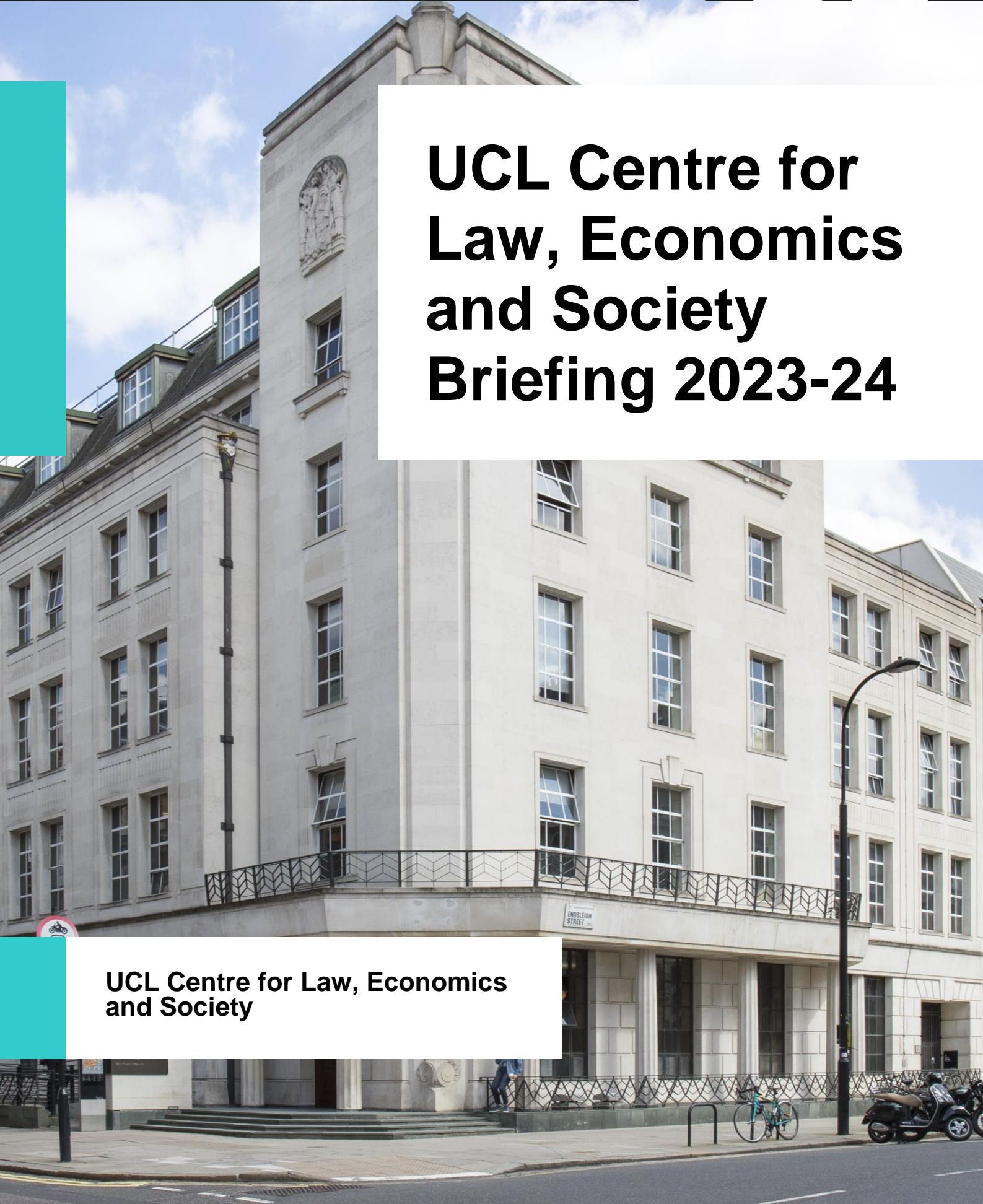




# UCL Centre for Law, Economics and Society Briefing 2023-24

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## Introduction

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The Centre for Law, Economics and Society (CLES) is UCL Faculty of Law's Centre dedicated to the study of competition law and policy and economic regulation. It promotes the study of regulatory action in all its forms (State, non-State, all forms of collective action), from a trans-disciplinary perspective, in particular drawing on law, economics, sociology, political science, and complexity science. The Centre was founded under an original concept of promoting interdisciplinary research in competition law and policy (also from a political economy, complexity science and non-neoclassical economics perspective) by Professor Ioannis Lianos in 2007. We firmly believe that law can address some of the pressing issues of our time and can generate a more just and sustainable society.

## Our Members

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## **News from the Centre**

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In January 2024, **Ioannis Lianos** re-joined the Centre for Law, Economics and Society following the end of his term as President of the Hellenic Competition Commission as its Founding Co-Director. Ioannis was also [appointed](#) to the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal's panel of Ordinary Members.

**Deni Mantzari** serves as the co-director of the Centre.

We were delighted to appoint [Gönenç Gürkaynak](#) as Honorary Professor of Practice at UCL Laws in September 2023 and at the Centre as a Senior Fellow. **Gönenç Gürkaynak** is the founding partner of ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law, a leading law firm of 95 lawyers based in Istanbul, Turkey. Gönenç graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Law in 1997 and was called to the Istanbul Bar in 1998. Gönenç received his LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School, and he has received his Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD) degree from University College London (UCL) Faculty of Laws. His deep expertise in merger control and global competition law will be invaluable for our research and our students.

2023 was marked by the loss of emeritus professor **Valentine Korah**, a leading authority internationally in competition law and a legendary academic and professor at UCL Faculty of Laws since the early 1950s. The CLES will be organising a number of activities to honour Professor Korah's legacy at UCL. Here is a [tribute](#) to Professor Korah provided by Prof. Ioannis Lianos.

## **Student Activities**

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Our students and teaching are at the heart of the Centre. Our specialist [LLM in Competition Law](#), attracts committed and talented students from all over the world. The LLM course has been consistently listed as one of the [top LLM programmes](#) in competition law internationally. Competition law courses at UCL Faculty of Laws have been taught since the early 1960s, always taking an interdisciplinary perspective.

We also have a thriving final-year undergraduate competition law module initiated by Associate Professor **Deni Mantzari** in 2019. The module involves three 'meet the researcher' teaching sessions, where students are introduced to the research of leading UCL scholars in the field of competition law, as well as the work of the UCL Centre for Law, Economics and Society. This enables students to directly draw connections between the world-leading research undertaken at UCL CLES and the themes discussed in the course.

As part of our commitment to students' professional development, we established the [UCL-Herbert Smith Freehills \(Brussels\) summer vacation scheme](#) which has so far recruited 5 of our LLB and LLM students through a highly competitive process! Our students have also secured internships at leading chambers and leading law firms. Our former LLM student [Matthew Tweddell](#) has been invited to contribute as a guest lecturer to the LLB competition law course in 2023-2024.

We are also very proud of our vibrant community of PhD students working on several aspects of Competition Law. In January 2023, **Andrew McLean**, now Lecturer in Law & Political Economy at Edinburgh Law School, obtained his PhD on 'Competition Law under Financial Capitalism'. In September 2022, [Todd Davies](#), joined the Faculty and Centre as a PhD student under the supervision of Professor Lianos. Todd's research on complexity science and competition law is funded through a UCL Faculty Research Scholarship. In 2023, Todd established the [Law and Political Economy Reading Group](#) open to all UCL Laws students, to reflect on how the law structures political and economic life.

In 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** together with Okeoghene Odudu, (University of Cambridge) launched the [Cambridge-UCL Competition Law and Policy Hub](#). This initiative aims to foster research and discussion among academics and PhD students in the fields of competition law, economics, and broader regulatory policies. The hub is managed Professor Odudu, Folakunmi Pinheiro, Luz Daniel at the University of Cambridge, and Professor Lianos and Todd Davies at UCL. The Hub's inaugural session, orchestrated by Professor Odudu, Pinheiro, and Daniel, convened at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on February 23, 2024, drawing over 15 scholars from both universities to explore future collaborative opportunities.

## Centre Events

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We hosted a wide range of wonderful events last two academic years at the Centre, in-person and via live-stream.

In July 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** organized a [Workshop on Computational Competition Law and Economics: A Progress Report](#) with the participation of data scientists and chief technology officers of various competition authorities (including the UK CMA and the European Commission) to discuss the use of new technological tools (including AI) in competition law investigations and the way competition authorities deal with advances in technology in their understanding of markets and assessment of business conduct. The Workshop is taking place in the context of the [Executive programme on Competition Law, Public Policy and Technology](#) that is running for the first time at UCL Laws, designed and convened by Professor Ioannis Lianos.

In July 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** together with Ioannis Kokkoris and Michael Polemis organized the [First Dialogue in Competition Law and Economics](#), a joint initiative between CLES@UCL, CCLS@Queen Mary University and University of Piraeus, an event held in Athens and bringing together a number of academics and practitioners to discuss the challenges of digital ecosystems and AI to competition law enforcement. The event was introduced by the head of the Hellenic Competition Commission Judge Mary Sarp.



In June 2024, **Ioannis Lianos** together with Okeoghehe Odudu (University of Cambridge) organized [the Competition Law and Policy Workshop: A Foresight Approach](#), following a call for papers. The Workshop provided the forum for the presentation and discussion of groundbreaking research on new approaches, concepts, tools and themes in EU and UK competition law scholarship that will make an impact in a fast

changing world. Eleven papers were presented and led to intense discussions between the presenters, the commentators and the audience. The event included the first UCL Book Fest with presentations of four newly published books by UCL authors (and former PhD students at UCL).

In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** organised a Workshop on '[Reforming Article 102 TFEU: A European Social Contract Approach?](#)' in Brussels. The workshop brought together academics, civil society organizations and policy makers to discuss one of the most important reforms of competition law in recent years. You can watch the video [here](#).

In October 2023 **Ioannis Lianos** organised a Workshop on 'The Rise of Ecosystem Theories: Where are we after Microsoft/Activision and Booking/etraveli?'. The video of the workshop is available [here](#). The workshop was attended by more than 100 participants and has led to an important public debate about the concept of ecosystem in competition law, following the [groundbreaking research](#) by Ioannis Lianos on this topic in recent years.

In June 2023 **Deni Mantzari** hosted Professor Eleanor Fox (Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita at New York University School of Law) to speak about "[The Big Platform Debate: Do we need new rules to rein in Big Tech, and do we need new modes to rein in divergent rules?](#)". The event, which included discussants Dr Gonenç Gürkaynak (ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law), Dr Andrew McLean (Edinburgh Law School) and Mr Todd Davies (UCL Laws), was well attended by academics, practitioners, policymakers, and students. It sought to expose the issues currently facing competition law on both sides of the Atlantic as regulators look to tackle market power in the digital sphere, now dominated by some of the biggest firms in the world.



In April 2023 **Deni Mantzari** together with Dr Maria Ioannidou (Senior Lecturer in Competition Law at the School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London) organised the 2023 [Bentham House Conference](#) on the topic of 'Competition Law and Policy in a Data-Driven Economy' generously funded by the UCL Laws Bentham Conference Fund. The conference, which was opened by the Dean of UCL Laws, Professor Eloise Scotford, brought together academics, practitioners and

policymakers working in the fields of law, economics but also computer science to reflect on and map the interface between data protection and competition law in order to suggest an

analytical framework that can and ought to govern their interaction. Participants who are also contributing to a Research Handbook on this issue (forthcoming by Edward Elgar in 2024) were invited to address the topic from different angles, considering both the positive and normative dimension of the competition law/data protection interface, to reimagining the interface or to stress any limits. The conference was widely attended, and the discussions were rich and varied.

Keeping up with what has now become a tradition, CLES and UCL Laws hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> [UCL-Concurrences International Mergers Conference](#), which is the meeting point between academic and practice in the field of merger control.



In November 2022 **Deni Mantzari** [launched](#) her OUP monograph [Courts, Regulators and the Scrutiny of Economic Evidence-Comparative Perspectives](#) at UCL Laws. The book launch, chaired by Professor Ioannis Lianos generated a rich and fascinating discussion amongst the five commentators [Professor Pablo Ibáñez Colomo](#) (LSE), [Dr Andriani Kalintiri](#) (Senior Lecturer in Competition Law, King's College



London), [Dr Christel Koop](#) (Reader in Political Economy, King's College London), [Joe Perkins](#) (Compass Lexecon, former Chief Economist at Ofgem) and [Peter Freeman, CBE, QC \(Hon\)](#) (former Chairman of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal), each one of them offering their respective perspectives on the book: ranging from law and political science to policy and judicial practice.

## Publication Highlights

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During the period 2023-2024 (July) members of the CLES published 4 books and 38 articles and papers.

**Ioannis Lianos** published in June 2024 his research paper [“Minding Competition in Complex Adaptive Social Systems: The Sociological Approach to Competition Law”](#) as *Faculty of Laws University College London Law Research Paper No.19/2024*.

**Ioannis Lianos** together with Klaas Hendrik Eller and Tobias Kleinschmitt published in May 2024 their paper [“Towards a Legal Theory of Digital Ecosystems”](#) as *Faculty of Laws University College London Law Research Paper No. 16/2024* and *Amsterdam Law School Research Paper No. 2024-22*.

**Ioannis Lianos** together with [Alexey Ivanov](#), Skolkovo-HSE Institute for Law and Development and [Dennis Davis](#), University of Cape Town School of Law have published a rich edited volume on [Global Food Value Chains and Competition Law](#). Published by Cambridge University Press, the volume is the first book-length analysis of the phenomenon of global food value chains from a competition law perspective combining a truly global dimension (looking to the EU, BRICS, US) with an interdisciplinary perspective.

**Ioannis Lianos** published his article “Polycrisis” and the changing “Life” of Competition Authorities. *Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb* (02) in 2024.

**Ioannis Lianos** co-authored with Claudio Lombardi a paper on ‘Causation’ that was published in the [Research Handbook on Private Enforcement of Competition Law in the EU](#) by Edward Elgar in 2023.

**Ioannis Lianos** co-authored with Andrew McLean a paper on ‘Competition Law, Big Tech and Financialisation’ which was published at the [Intersections Between Corporate and Antitrust Law](#) by CUP in 2023.

**Ioannis Lianos** published his article on [Value extraction and institutions in digital capitalism: Towards a law and political economy synthesis for competition law](#) published by EU Law Open in 2023, being the first article in competition law literature exploring a law and political economy perspective in competition law.

**Deni Mantzari** published her OUP monograph [Courts, Regulators, and the Scrutiny of Economic Evidence. Comparative Perspectives](#), which presents the first systematic examination of economic regulation and the crucial role of economic evidence in regulatory authorities and courts.

**Deni Mantzari**, published her article [FRAND in Article 6\(12\) DMA: A Pragmatic Approach with Unintended Consequences](#) in the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement, Special Issue on DMA-DSA.

**Deni Mantzari**, together with economist Germain Gaudin (University of Freiburg) published an article on [Google Shopping and the As-Efficient-Competitor Test: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead](#) in a special issue of the Journal of European Competition Law and Practice (OUP) dedicated to the General Court’s Google Shopping judgment following a competitive selection process.

**Deni Mantzari**, together with Iris H-Y Chiu (UCL laws) co-authored a chapter on ‘Regulating Fintech and BigTech: Reconciling the Objectives of Financial Regulation and Promoting Competition’, which appeared in Konstantinos Stylianou, Marios Iacovides and Bjorn Lundqvist (eds) [Fintech Competition: Law, Policy, and Market Organisation](#), (Bloomsbury Publishing 2023).

**Deni Mantzari** authored a chapter on [Power Imbalances in Online Marketplaces: At the Crossroads of Competition Law and Regulation](#) which appeared in Ioannis Kokkoris (ed), *Research Handbook in Competition Law Enforcement* (Edward-Elgar 2023).

## Senior Fellows and PhD Students Publications

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**Amber Darr** published her monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Policy Diffusion and Transfer* with Cambridge University Press. This work is the first ever South-South analysis of competition law adoption and enforcement in eight South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka).

**Amber Darr** was invited to contribute to the 70th anniversary edition of the *Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb* and her article '[Competition Law and Human Rights: a Complex Relationship](#)' was awarded the best article prize. The article was also nominated for the *2023 Antitrust Writing Awards*, organised by *Concurrences* and *George Washington University*, for the best Academic Articles category in the subcategory "General".

**Amber Darr** authored a chapter on "Cartel Law in India and Pakistan: principles and practice" which was published in Peter Whelan (ed) *Research Handbook on Cartels* (Edward Elgar, 2023).

**Amber Darr** co-authored a chapter with Ioannis Lianos titled 'Hunger Games: Connecting the Right to Food and Competition Law' which appeared in Ioannis Lianos, Alexey Ivanov and Dennis Davis (eds) *Global Food Value Chains and Competition Law* (Cambridge University Press 2022).

**Anna Tzanaki** co-authored with Julian Nowag a chapter on "[The Institutional Framework of the DMA: From Hybrid to Mature?](#)" in Christian Ahlborn, Pablo Ibáñez Colomo and William Leslie (eds.) *The Law and Economics of the Digital Markets Act*, Hart Publishing, forthcoming.

**Anna Tzanaki** co-authored with Julian Nowag a paper on "[The DMA's Cooperative Compliance Setup: Punishment as Ultima Ratio](#)", *Competition Law Insight*, forthcoming.

**Anna Tzanaki** published her article "[Dynamic Challenges to Market Definition and Market Power Evaluation in Antitrust Cases: The Long Road Ahead](#)", an invited contribution based on her presentation at the Inaugural Dynamic Competition Initiative conference at the EUI in Florence in April 2023 - feeding in a special DCI Symposium of the *Network Law Review*, Summer 2023.

**Anna Tzanaki** co-authored with Liudmila Alekseeva and José Azar a chapter on "[Common Ownership in Fintech Markets](#)" in Konstantinos Stylianou, Marios Iacovides, and Björn Lundqvist (eds.) *Fintech Competition: Law, Policy, and Market Organisation*, Hart Publishing, 2023; also published as a [Stigler Center Working Paper No.329](#), March 2023. The chapter was nominated for the *2023 Antitrust Writing Awards*, organised by *Concurrences* and *George Washington University*, for the best Academic Articles category in the subcategory "Concerted Practices". She was invited to summarise and feature this work on the [Oxford Business Law Blog](#) and on [ProMarket](#), the blog of the Stigler Center at Chicago Booth.

**Murilo Lubambo** published his article "[Non-tariff phytosanitary barriers: Opening of the Sesame Market](#)" in the *Brazilian Agricultural Policy Review* in August 2023. The piece explores ways to measure entry barriers in the international trade for agricultural products and assess the economic effects associated with increased exports.

**Beatriz Kira** published her article [Inter-agency coordination and digital platform regulation: lessons from the Whatsapp case in Brazil](#) (2024) in the *International Review of Law, Computers & Technology*. The article is the outcome of an empirical study into the first large-scale cross-agency coordination in digital platform regulation in Brazil.



**Beatriz Kira** published her article [Online Safety and Pro-Competition Regulation: Friends of Foes?](#), an invited contribution to CPI's Antitrust Chronicle on *Regulating Social Media*, February 2024. The article is a summary of the arguments developed in the chapter "Pro-Competition and Online Safety: A More Holistic Approach to Digital Platform Regulation" forthcoming in the edited volume *Research Handbook on Competition Law and Data Privacy*, edited by Maria Ioannidou and Despoina Mantzari.

**Beatriz Kira** published the blog post [Deepfakes, the Weaponisation of AI Against Women and Possible Solutions](#) (2024), *Verfassungsblog*, summarising findings of a [study](#) on the legal protections offered to victim-survivors of non-consensual intimate content created using AI technologies and pointing to gaps in legislation and policy.

**Beatriz Kira** co-authored with Sarah Fisher, Kiran Arabaghatta Basavaraj and Jeffrey Howard the article [Should Politicians Be Exempt from Fact-Checking?](#) (Winter, 2024) in the *Journal of Online Trust & Safety*.

**Beatriz Kira** co-authored with Emily Jones & Rutendo Tavengerwei the article [Norm Entrepreneurship in Digital Trade: The Singapore-led Wave of Digital Trade Agreements](#), *World Trade Review* (2024), introducing a novel dataset of trade agreements that include substantive digital trade provisions and examining current trends.

**Beatriz Kira** co-authored with Laura Schertel Mendes the blog post [The road to regulation of artificial intelligence: The Brazilian Experience](#) (2023), *Internet Policy Review*, 2023, commenting on Brazil's proposal to regulate AI.

**Beatriz Kira** co-authored with Laura Schertel Mendes the blog post [A Primer on the UK Online Safety Act](#) (2023), *Verfassungsblog*, commenting on the recently introduced legislation.

**Beatriz Kira** published her article [The Politics and Economics of Brazilian Competition Law](#), *Latin American Law Review* (2023) as part of the Special Issue on [Transformación del Derecho Y Política de Competencia en América Latina](#), co-edited by Juan David Gutiérrez and Andrés Calderón.

**Beatriz Kira** published her article [Is iFood Starving the Market? Antitrust Enforcement in the Market for Online Food Delivery in Brazil](#), *World Competition* (2023).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** authored a chapter on "[Regulatory Coordination and Diffusion in Digital Financial Services and Sustainable Finance](#)" which was published on a book edited by the European Banking Institute (EBI) on "Digitalisation, Sustainability and the Banking and Capital Markets Union" (2023).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** published with Daphnée Papiasse (LSE) the article "[The Regulatory "Plumbing" of Innovation-Enablers: A Case for Accountability Mechanisms](#)" (2023) exploring the landscape and shortcomings of regulation for Fintech, which was cited by the International Monetary Fund on their work on "[Institutional Arrangements for Fintech Regulation](#)" (2023).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** published with Boddy Reddy (Cambridge) the article “[Credit Where Credit's Due: The Supreme Court Take on Directors' Duties and Creditors' Interests](#)” (2023).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** authored a chapter on “[Financial Consumer Protection in Debt and Equity Markets](#)” for the Elgar Encyclopedia of International Economic Law (2024).

**Michelle Meagher** relaunched her book ‘Competition Is Killing Us’ at Full Circle in Brussels in 2023.

**Michelle Meagher** published her paper co-authored with Simon Holmes ‘A sustainable future: how can control of monopoly power play a part?’ in the European Competition Law Review in 2023.

**Michelle Meagher** published her short article [The Tool is the Message: Time to Update the Antitrust Toolbox](#) in May 2024. This article considers how we can supplement the analytical tools of industrial organisation economics to empower the European Commission to build competition cases that can be responsive to changing market, economic and political contexts.

**Andrew McLean** published his article ‘[Innovation against change](#)’ in the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement

**Todd Davies** co-authored a paper “[Google AdTech: Break Up or Break Out](#)”, now under review with the Utrecht Law Journal for their special issue on “[Power in a Digitalized World and Modern Bigness](#)”.

**Florence Thépot** published a chapter entitled ‘The value of compliance in competition law and in anticorruption law’ in Okay, K., Vernaz S. and Lelieur J. (eds) ‘*la privatisation de la norme au prisme du droit comparé*’ (Mare & Martin, forthcoming 2024).

**Florence Thépot** published her chapter entitled ‘Interlocking Directorates in Europe – an Enforcement Gap?’ In M. Corradi and J. Nowag (eds.), *The Intersections between Competition Law and Corporate Law and Finance* (Cambridge University Press, 2023)

**Florence Thépot** published a short article entitled “Transatlantic perspectives on interlocking directorates” in CPI Antitrust Chronicle (March 2023).

## **Impact, Engagement, Contributions and Events**

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Members of the Centre have engaged in a number of highly impactful research projects and outreach activities.

**Ioannis Lianos** was appointed in 2024 as a member of the [UK Competition Appeal Tribunal](#).

In July 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** completed the [report for the peer review of the Competition Law System of Egypt](#) for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(UNCTAD) and participated to the peer review process held at the UN headquarters in Geneva.

In July 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** presented his research on Global Food Value Chains and Innovation and on Digital Ecosystems at the Intergovernmental Group of Experts Conference held at UNCTAD in Geneva. The [UNCTAD Secretariat Report on Digital Ecosystems](#) referred extensively to Professor Lianos' groundbreaking research on digital ecosystems.

In June 2024 **Deni Mantzari** was invited to speak at the [UNCTAD's webinar](#) on 'Competition law and policy approaches towards digital platforms and ecosystems', in collaboration with the BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre and the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE). The video is available [here](#).

In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** was selected as a member of the Jury for the [Competition Policy and Power Research Fund call for proposals](#). The Competition Policy and Power Research Fund aims to promote research that will help combat excessive market power by bridging gaps in current knowledge and supporting practical advances and innovations in the use of competition and anti-trust tools.

In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** was invited as a speaker at the European Competition Law Day organized in Brussels by the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council. Lianos discussed his research on global food value chains and also the issue of financialisation and competition law.



In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** was the keynote speaker at a conference on 'Digital Platforms and Competition Law: Global Trends and Challenges', organised by the Chinese University of Hong Kong which took place in Hong Kong on 18-19 April. Professor Lianos delivered a public lecture on the 'Limits of the Private Governance of (Digital) Ecosystems' in which he explored the limitations of the current legal framework in competition law to address the competition issues raised by business ecosystems and advanced a legal theory of ecosystems that will aim to embed their private governance to the public values of the social contract of the specific jurisdiction.

In April 2024 **Deni Mantzari** was invited to contribute to and moderate the debate between Eric Posner and Carl Shapiro on 'The Proper Role of Economics in Merger Review', at the 2024 Antitrust and Competition Conference, Stigler Centre, University of Chicago.

In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** contributed as speaker at the ['Rebalancing Europe - A new economic agenda for tackling monopoly power'](#) Conference organized by Open Markets Institute and a number of civil society organizations active in competition law and policy. The workshop gathered policymakers, academics and competition authorities' heads, along with civil society organization experts and discussed the Antimonopoly manifesto launched a few weeks earlier.

In April 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** was the keynote speaker for French law judges on the topic of “Naked Restrictions and Reforming Article 102 TFEU” at a seminar organized by the University of Paris II.

In March 2024 **Deni Mantzari** spoke at [19th Global Competition Law Centre \(GCLC\) Conference on Article 102 TFEU](#). Her talk was part of a panel on the historical and intellectual driving forces of Article 102 TFEU, hosted at the College of Europe, Bruges.

In March 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** gave a keynote speech on ‘Complexity and Competition Law; at the Competition Law and Practice Seminars, organised by Bilgi University, the largest competition law series event in Turkey.

In February 2024 **Deni Mantzari** gave a keynote speech on ‘DMA and Judicial Review: An Uneasy Relationship’ at the Compass Lexecon Annual Dinner in Athens.

In February 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** gave a keynote lecture at CREATE, University of Glasgow on the topic of “[Re-orienting Competition Law: A Complexity Perspective](#)”. After his lecture and the discussion, an “Interrogating a Competition Law Enforcer” session took place with CREATE’s Dr Magali Eben asking Professor Lianos questions pertaining to his experience as the President of the Hellenic Competition Authority.

In February 2024 **Deni Mantzari** was invited to present her research on FRAND in the Digital Markets Act at the Law and Economics Workshop, Bonn University, Germany and in March 2024 at the UEA Centre for Competition Policy

In February 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** contributed as keynote speaker at the discussion over his recently published book on ‘[Competition Law and Global Food Value Chains](#)’ by CUP at an event organized in Cairo by the Egyptian Competition Authority and involving the participation of a number of competition law officials (from BRICS, emerging and developing countries) and academics.

In January 2024 the President of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal invited **Deni Mantzari** to join the Advisory Committee that is redrafting the CAT’s Rules of Procedure. Deni Mantzari has been advising since the President on several key reforms that are being put forward.

In January 2024 **Ioannis Lianos** gave the Hucell lecture at Humboldt University in Berlin on the topic of “[The Reform of Article 102 TFEU. The myth of Daedalus and Icarus](#)”, exploring a new approach concerning the abuse of dominance provision of the EU Treaties.

In December 2023 **Deni Mantzari** was invited by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to speak on [Competition Law and Regulations for Digital Markets](#) at the UNCTAD eWeek in Geneva. Her talk was part of a high-level session on ‘Competition Law and Regulations for digital markets: What are the best policy options for developing countries?’. A summary of her talk is available [here](#).

In November 2023 **Deni Mantzari** was invited to deliver judicial training to EU Judges as part of the ‘OECD Competition Law Lab for Judges’ that took place in Budapest.

In 2023 **Ioannis Lianos** was appointed member of the Board of the Jury for the [2023 Concurrences Awards](#).

In November 2023 **Ioannis Lianos** was the keynote speaker at the [6<sup>th</sup> Hungarian Competition Law Forum](#) organized by the Hungarian Competition Authority and the International League of Competition Law in Budapest.

In 2023 **Ioannis Lianos** was re-elected member of the Bureau of the OECD Competition Committee. The Bureau manages the work of the Competition Committee and is composed by elected heads of competition authorities of OECD countries.

In 2023 **Ioannis Lianos** was elected member of the [EU High Level Group on the Digital Markets Act](#). The High-Level Group was established by the European Commission to ensure the DMA is implemented in a coherent manner, and to provide expertise on market investigations into emerging services and practices.

In October 2023 **Deni Mantzari** was invited to speak on the 'Effectiveness of interim measures in antitrust investigations by competition authorities and national courts' at the 7th Competition Law and Policy Conference organised by Nomiki Vivliothiki, in Athens.

In September 2023 **Deni Mantzari** was invited by Privacy International [to speak on](#) the challenges raised by Big Tech.

**Deni Mantzari** was invited to present her research on the 'As Efficient Competitor test' in EU Competition Law at high-level competition law events in Europe and the UK: at the annual 'European Competition Policy Forum', a prestigious, by invitation-only high level event organised by the leading economic consultancy firm Compass Lexecon in October 2022 in Italy; at Glasgow University School of Law in November 2022 and at Stockholm University in June 2023.

## **Senior Fellows and PhD students**

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In June 2024 **Amber Darr** co-organised and contributed to a workshop on the 'Role of Competition Law in Economic Transitions' hosted by the University of Warsaw, Faculty of Management, Poland.

In May 2024 **Amber Darr** participated in a Roundtable on *Sustainability in the Food Supply Chain: Challenges and the Role of Law and Policy* organised by the University of Edinburgh.

In May 2024 **Amber Darr** hosted and chaired a panel at the University of Manchester on 'The Digital Economy and New Frontiers in Competition Law' with Chris Preveatt, General Counsel at the UK Competition and Markets Authority, Professor Pinar Akman, University of Leeds and Mark Crane, Partner Addleshaw Goddard.

In February 2024 **Amber Darr** was invited by the University of Aberdeen to deliver a talk on her monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Policy Diffusion and Transfer*.

In January 2024 **Amber Darr** was invited to participate on a panel discussion organised by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy to discuss Dr. Jonathan B Baker's *The Antitrust Paradigm: Restoring a Competitive Economy*.

In December 2023 **Amber Darr** was invited to speak on 'New Challenges in Securing Necessities, Promoting Innovation and Regional Governance' in an Antitrust in Developing and Emerging Economies Webinar organised by Concurrences and NYU Law.

In October 2023 LSE South Asia organised a panel discussion on Amber Darr's monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Policy Diffusion and Transfer* with Professor Eleanor Fox, Professor Dina Waked, Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, Dr. Joseph Wilson and Mr. Hassan Qaqaya.

In August and September 2023 **Amber Darr** was invited to discuss her monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Policy Diffusion and Transfer* at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad, Pakistan and the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan.

In July 2023 **Amber Darr** organised and delivered with Andres Palacios Lleras a summer school on 'Competition Law and Sustainable Development at Universidad del Rosario in Bogota, Colombia.

In May 2023 **Amber Darr** participated in a panel discussion on her monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Diffusion and Transfer* organised by the Vidhi Centre for Law and Policy, New Delhi, India.

In April 2023 **Amber Darr** delivered a talk on 'Guess Who's Paying for Dinner Tonight? The right to food and competition in food markets at the invitation of the University of Amsterdam School of Law.'

In March 2023 **Amber Darr** was invited by the Oxford Programme on Asian Laws to deliver a talk on her monograph *Competition Law in South Asia: Diffusion and Transfer*.

**Amber Darr** was invited to be a panellist at the UCL conference on 'Empirical Legal Research' (2024).

In February 2024 **Murilo Lubambo** published the blog post "[Digital Trade and Investment Screening: Friends or Foes?](#)", based on his UCL research and experience at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Digital Trade Integration project. The CELIS Blog is a forum for debates on international investment control and economic security law, edited by the CELIS Institute, which promotes better regulation of foreign investments in the context of public order and competitiveness.

In March-April 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited for a research stay as a [Law & Finance Visiting Scholar](#) at the [Center for Advanced Studies on the Foundations of Law and Finance](#), the first interdisciplinary economics and jurisprudential research group in Germany funded by the German Research Foundation, based in the House of Finance at Goethe University Frankfurt. The aim of the visit was to present her work on "Common Ownership in Fintech Markets" and collaborate with other researchers affiliated with the Center on common ownership, venture capital, corporate governance, entrepreneurship and startups in Europe.

In May 2024 **Anna Tzanaki** presented her new paper on “Dynamism and Politics in EU Merger Control: The Perils and Promise of a Killer Acquisitions Solutions in the EU”, being invited to participate in the panel *Challenges of AI and Digital Competition Law* during the workshop “Emerging Issues in EU Competition Law in the Digital Sphere: Between Academia and Practice”.

In December 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited to speak as a panellist at the [Roundtable on Serial Acquisitions and Industry Roll-ups](#), given her research expertise on the topic, during the 141st Meeting of the OECD Competition Committee, Paris.

In November 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** presented her co-authored paper with Julian Nowag on “The Institutional Framework of the DMA: From Hybrid to Mature?” at the *Effective DMA Enforcement Between Opportunities and Challenges conference*, organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, the Hertie School Centre for Digital Governance, the University of Trento, and the non-profit organization Article 19 in Brussels.

In October 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited deliver a lecture on “Mergers, Killer Acquisitions and Prompt Remedies in Digital Markets” together with **Florence Thépot** to national judges of different EU Member States as part of the *judicial training Program on Competition law, policy and enforcement in digital markets* (DiCo Project – Digital Markets and Competition Policy), funded by the European Commission and organised by the European University of Rome.

In October 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited as a kick-off speaker in the panel “M&A: Striking a Balance between Innovation and Competition” during the Competition Law and Economics Roundtable organised by Competition Policy International (CPI) during the *22nd International Competition Network (ICN) annual conference* in Barcelona.

In May 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited to speak in the panel “Merger Control and Private Equity” at the *4th International Mergers Conference*, organised by Concurrences in partnership with University College London.

In April 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited to speak in the Roundtable on “Market Definition and Market Power Evaluation in Dynamic Industries” at the *inaugural Dynamic Competition Initiative (DCI) Academic Conference* on “Dynamic Competition Applied”, organised by UC-Berkeley, VU Amsterdam and the European University Institute in Florence.

In March 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** organized together with **Florence Thépot** an interdisciplinary research Workshop on “The Interactions Between Competition and Corporate Law”, as co-editors of the forthcoming Research Handbook on Competition and Corporate Law, in collaboration with Prof. Jens-Uwe Franck (University of Mannheim) and hosted at ZEW - Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research in Mannheim.

In January 2023 **Anna Tzanaki** was invited to present her ongoing research on “Common Ownership Challenges for Competition Policy” at the *Swedish Competition Authority (Konkurrensverket) seminar series* in Stockholm.

**Anna Tzanaki** was invited to present her coauthored chapter, with José Azar, on “Common Ownership and Merger Control Enforcement” at the BYU Future of Antitrust Conference on

*Innovation, Networks, and the Frontiers of Competition Policy*, organised by Brigham Young University (BYU) in Brussels in April 2023; at the 2023 MaCCI Annual Conference, hosted by the Mannheim Centre for Competition and Innovation in March 2023; at the 18th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Law and Economics, held at the Department of Law, LUMSA University, Palermo in December 2022.

**Beatriz Kira** was [appointed](#) to the Expert Committee “Digital Integrity and Transparency on Internet Platforms” established by the Brazilian Superior Electoral Court to provide advice on the lead-up to local elections in October 2024.

**Beatriz Kira** was invited to speak at the international seminar [Digital Platforms: Economic and Competition Impacts](#) organised by the Brazilian Treasury (*Secretaria de Reformas Econômicas do Ministério da Fazenda*) and IBRAC (the Brazilian Institute for the Study of Competition, Consumption and International Trade).

**Beatriz Kira** was appointed Co-Editor of the [Journal of Law and Political Economy](#)’s Book Review Section in January 2024. She has been serving as a co-chair of [CRN 55 - Law and Political Economy](#) of the Law and Society Association (LSA) since 2022.

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** has continued to work as a legal consultant for the World Bank Group. Aside from publications and advisory work, he acted as a World Bank Representative (i) at the World Bank/IFC Cairo Conference (2023); (ii) at the Law, Justice, and Development Week (2023); and (iii) at the US Department of Commerce WAGE Conference (2023).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was appointed as an Academic Expert to the Finance Track of the Legal G20 Technical Meeting (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** received the UCL/United Nations Geneva International Policy Fellowship (2024) for engagement with stakeholders from the Geneva Ecosystem.

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was invited to be a panellist at the ECGI conference on ‘The Boundaries of Corporations’ Responsibility’ (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was invited to be a panellist at the KCL conference on ‘Mastering the Challenge of ESG: a Roadmap for SMEs’ (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was invited to be a panellist at the SLS conference on ‘Financial Law and Regulation’ (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was invited to be a panellist at the UCL conference on ‘Empirical Legal Research’ (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was selected to be a participant at Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy Global Scholars Academy (2024).

**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** organised an event on ‘COP28 De-Brief: State-of-Play and Challenges on Climate Finance and Loss & Damage’ (2024), which had representatives from multilateral development banks, law firms, NGOs, and academia.



**Pedro Schilling de Carvalho** was appointed as (i) Academic Member of the European Corporate Governance Initiative (ii) Academic Member of the World Commission on Environmental Law (iii) Observer of the Standing Committee on Finance of the COP and (iv) Member of the Leadership of the International Chamber of Commerce's Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

**Michelle Meagher** participated in the CMA 10th Anniversary Panel, 'Responding to change and charting a course for the future', which can be viewed on YouTube [here](#).

**Michelle Meagher** was appointed at [SOMO as a Senior Fellow on Monopoly and Corporate Governance](#).

**Todd Davies** is on a research visit at the International Institute for Advanced Systems Analysis in Laxenburg (Vienna), Austria between June and September 2024. At IIASA, he will work on translating models of competition from theoretical ecology into competition law.

In September 2023 **Todd Davies** was invited to speak on about his recent preprint (under review with Utrecht Law Journal) "[Google AdTech: Break Up or Break Out?](#)" at the Competition and Markets Authority. He also gave talks on the same topic at Privacy International, the University of East Anglia's Centre for Competition Policy, Sciences Po and at OFCOM.

In May 2024 **Florence Thépot** was invited to speak at the conference 'Competition law challenges in a digital and sustainable market' organised by Catolica University of Porto. Her presentation focused on the Gatekeeper status under the DMA.

In March 2024 Florence Thépot gave the first seminar of the Firms, Market & Competition seminar series organised at Sciences Po Law School, on the topic of interlocking directorates.

In July 2023 Florence Thépot contributed to the ASCOLA conference in Athens, with a talk on the "Blurred Market-Firm Boundaries and Shift in Paradigm". She also blogged about the conference for [D'Kart](#), together with Friso Bostoën and Madlen Karg.

In June 2023 Florence Thépot delivered a presentation on corporate compliance in competition law and anti-corruption, at an [international conference on comparative law](#), at the University of Strasbourg.