

COLLOQUY

IS THERE A CONVINCING LAW AND POLICY RATIONALE TO EX-ANTE COMPETITION REGULATION IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY?

Today, jurisdictions around the world are deliberating whether antitrust law needs a complete overhaul to tackle the novel harms emanating from the digital economy. The European Union, the United Kingdom, and Germany are engaged in ex-ante legislations that place multiple restrictions and obligations on the conduct of digital companies. While supporters of such initiatives claim that the markedly different economics of digital markets makes them critically necessary, opponents claim that they would turn out to be counterproductive—by deterring investment, stifling innovation, and reducing consumer welfare. Professor Brook will share her research and inform the ongoing debate. In doing so, she will also discuss how economies, that are debating to bring in ex-ante regulation, can make sense of pros and cons.

PURPOSE

This colloquy is for experts who understand the nuances of ongoing debate and wish to understand the ongoing proposals related to regulation of digital economy in a clearer manner.

In this colloquy, raison d'etre of antitrust regime is in focus.

SPEAKER

PROF. OR BROOK

Professor Or Brook is an Associate Professor of Competition Law and Policy at Leeds University in the United Kingdom. She has an interdisciplinary academic background – combining law and economics. The jurisdiction of focus of her research is the European Union. Most of her research revolves around international and comparative competition law.



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PROGRAMME: WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

3.30 – 3.35 PM

Setting the context
Gokul Plaha, CIRC

3.35 – 3.55 PM

Presentation by Professor Or Brook. :
The Question of Ex- Ante Antitrust
Regulation in Digital Markets

3.55 – 4.25 PM

Free-flowing discussion

4.25 – 4.30 PM

Summarizing the discussion
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