

# The Antitrust Dispatch

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## Welcome to the Lab's Bimonthly Newsletter: The Antitrust Dispatch!

The GW Competition & Innovation Lab continues to go from strength to strength. Our Senior Fellows and affiliates are our strongest asset. This was proven once again last month when one of our Senior Fellows, Professor Philippe Aghion, received the Nobel Prize. Together with Peter Howitt, Professor Aghion was awarded the Nobel for his groundbreaking theory of sustained growth through creative destruction. Professor Aghion seminally conceptualized the relationship between competition and innovation as an inverted U-shape—a concept that lies at the heart of our Lab, which is named in its honor.

I am particularly delighted by Philippe's Nobel. Not only has he joined our Lab and contributed actively to its success (see page 5 of this newsletter), but I am also personally affiliated with his Farhi Innovation Lab at the Collège de France in Paris, where he teaches. This cross-relationship underscores the shared research agenda between our Lab and Professor Aghion's, and it promises to generate even more collaborative projects in the future.

Professor Aghion's elegant modeling of Schumpeterian gales of creative destruction within a framework of endogenous growth shows that profound conceptual questions can still be addressed through rigorous yet accessible research. This is precisely what we aim to foster at the GW Competition & Innovation Lab, through our regional initiatives and diverse projects where academic excellence meets conceptual clarity and practical relevance.

Beyond Professor Aghion's Nobel in September, our Lab had an exceptionally active month—highlighted by the inaugural conferences in London and Brussels for our UK Regional Initiative and EU Regional Initiative, led respectively by Miroslava Marinova and Oscar Borgogno. We also continued to engage with responses to several EU consultations.

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Aurelien Portuese

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Give to the Lab

# Updates on the growth of the Lab

We are pleased to announce the addition of several student research volunteers to the Lab! They will help us increase the amount and pace of our research in addition to ensuring that we can continue to hold excellent events here in Foggy Bottom and throughout the city.



Rafay Raza



Thabani Shumba



Setareh S. Kermani



Hesham Mushtaq



## Working Papers

The Lab published two working papers on August.

The first, by Senior Fellow Cento Veljanovski, focuses on the failure of econometrics in UK cartel damage cases.

The second, by our Brazil Initiative leader Eduardo Gaban, is about predatory litigation and judicial activism in Brazil's health sector.



## Satellite Event Spotlight

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Professor Portuese was honored to virtually join the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Competition Law in the Digital Age conference in New Delhi, India. Professor Portuese moderated the panel "Tailoring Competition Policy Approach to Evolving Geopolitical Dynamics."

The Lab's Co-Director Frederic Jenny also attended the conference as the esteemed keynote speaker.



# Our Events: Aug–Sept 2025

Aug 11	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Regulation and Competition Seminar (Brazil)</u>	
Aug 11	<u>Examining the Brussels Effect of the EU Digital Markets Act</u>	 Competition & Innovation Lab Examining the Brussels Effect of the EU's Digital Markets Act
Sept 17	<u>Artificial Intelligence and Consumer Fraud Conference (DC)</u>	
Sept 19-20	<u>Research Conference on Communications, Information, and Internet Policy (DC)</u>	 The Research Conference on Communications, Information and Internet Policy September 19-20, 2025 Washington, DC
Sept 22	<u>The Competition &amp; Growth Conference (London)</u>	 The Competition & Growth Conference <i>Unleashing Prosperity</i>
Sept 23	<u>AI Governance: Between Competition &amp; Regulation (EU Parliament, Brussels)</u>	 AI GOVERNANCE Between Competition and Regulation
Sept 24-25	<u>LEAR Competition Festival/Young Talent Award (Rome)</u>	 LEAR COMPETITION FESTIVAL 2025
Sept 26	<u>XLIV Competition Law Scholars Forum Workshop</u>	



# Our Upcoming Events

Oct 23	<u><a href="#">A New Era for Antitrust Private Litigation in Mexico - Conference</a></u>	
Oct 27	<u><a href="#">Google 15 Years On: Key Learnings, Antitrust Challenges, and the Road Ahead</a></u>	
Oct 28	<u><a href="#">A Digital Markets Act for Australia? - Webinar</a></u>	 <p><b>GW</b> Competition &amp; Innovation Lab <b>A Digital Markets Act for Australia?</b> Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 - 5:00PM EST</p>
Oct 29	<u><a href="#">Apple Under Investigation - Webinar</a></u>	 <p><b>GW</b> Competition &amp; Innovation Lab <b>Apple Under Investigation: Highlights of the Colombian Competition Case</b></p>
Oct 30	<u><a href="#">Dynamic Competition - Webinar</a></u>	 <p><b>GW</b> Competition &amp; Innovation Lab <b>Dynamic Competition</b></p>
Oct 31	<u><a href="#">Transparency in SEP Licensing - Webinar</a></u>	 <p><b>GW</b> Competition &amp; Innovation Lab <b>Transparency in SEP Licensing: Patent Pools, LNGs and the Competition Perspective</b></p>
Nov 7	<u><a href="#">Next-Generation Regulation - Conference</a></u>	



## Senior Fellow Philippe Aghion Awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics!

### JANUARY 2024

PROFESSOR AGHION JOINED THE GW COMPETITION & INNOVATION LAB AS ONE OF OUR FIRST SENIOR FELLOWS

### JUNE 2024

AT G7 ITALIA 2024, PROFESSOR AGHION PROVIDED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR THE LAB'S CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL POLICY AND DATA GOVERNANCE IN THE AGE OF AI

### NOVEMBER 2024

PROFESSOR AGHION MODERATED A DEBATE BETWEEN EMMANUEL MACRON AND MARIO DRAGHI ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS IN PARIS

### JANUARY 2025

THE LAB PUBLISHED A REPORT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND FINANCIAL/ECONOMIC POLICYMAKING CO-AUTHORED BY PROFESSOR AGHION

### FEBRUARY 2025

THE LAB SUPPORTED THE AI ACTION SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHERE PROFESSOR AGHION IS A FEATURED SPEAKER

### SEPTEMBER 2025

AT THE COLLEGE DE FRANCE, THE LAB HOSTED A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE DRAGHI REPORT AS A PART OF PROFESSOR AGHION'S RESEARCH LAB



## Competition & Growth Conference

ON SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, OUR UK REGIONAL INITIATIVE LAUNCHED ITS INAUGURAL CONFERENCE, FEATURING DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SUCH AS IOANNIS KOKKORIS, RONAN SCANLAN, LAU NILAUSEN, PETER HOLMES, MIRANDA COLE, PHILLIP MALLOCH, AND OLIVER BETHELL.



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## AI Governance: Between Competition & Regulation

BRANDO BENIFEI, RAPPORTEUR OF THE EU AI ACT, PROVIDED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT OUR AI GOVERNANCE: BETWEEN COMPETITION & REGULATION CONFERENCE AS WE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED OUR EU REGIONAL INITIATIVE INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.



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## Artificial Intelligence & Consumer Fraud

IN SEPTEMBER, WE JOINED FORCES WITH THE NATIONAL CONSUMERS LEAGUE FOR A TIMELY CONFERENCE AT GWU ABOUT HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS BEING USED BOTH FOR FRAUD AND TO COMBAT THE SCAMMERS WHO USE IT TO FOOL CONSUMERS.



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## Support the Lab Directly!

*The GW Competition & Innovation Lab is a nonprofit university center and needs your support to continue the important and timely research conducted by our director, our regional initiative leaders, and our dozens of senior fellows active around the globe.*

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