

# The Antitrust Dispatch

THE GW LAB'S BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome to the Lab's newsletter for the months of April and May 2025.

These months were critical for our Lab as we have successfully delivered our Annual Antitrust Conference on May 5<sup>th</sup> where FTC Commissioner Mark Meador and I engaged in a fireside chat as part of a day-long conference with authors of some of the best articles published in the ABA's Antitrust Law Journal.

FTC Commissioner Mark Meador delivered a speech during that conference that was published in the Federal Trade Commission's website, and republished on our website. This demonstrates the constructive relationship that we have managed to develop with US and international antitrust enforcers.

We have organized an antitrust conference in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) on May 1<sup>st</sup> in collaboration with the Saudi's General Authority of Competition, and the local Prince Sultan University. This will pave the way for more engagement of the Lab in the MENA Region.

We have continued launching new Regional initiatives to expand our global network and engagement – namely, the Australia Initiative led by Dr. Aaron Lane, and the Türkiye Initiative led by Dr. Hanna Stakheyeva.

Also, we have created a "Donate" button on the website if you want to support the activities of the Lab as non-profit charitable organization. Feel free to reach out to know more about it.

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## Updates on the growth the Lab

The GW Competition & Innovation Lab has become, within a short period of time, a recognized source of antitrust thought-leadership with impactful events across the globe, and high-quality publications.

To accompany that growth, we have recently hired a new Director of Communications, Channing Freeman. Channing has graduated from the George Washington University, the George Mason University, and has interned on the Hill prior to joining the GW Competition & Innovation Lab. He can be reached at [channing.freeman@gwu.edu](mailto:channing.freeman@gwu.edu) for communication and operational inquiries.



### Event Spotlight

The Second Annual Antitrust Conference took place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Jack Morton Auditorium of the George Washington University.

Now a tradition, leading authors of the Antitrust Law Journal presented their articles, and exchanged in an intellectually stimulating conversation with leading practitioners from Compass Lexecon and Baker Botts, who were partners of the event.

FTC Commissioner Mark Meador delivered a speech and engaged in a Fireside Chat with Prof. Aurelien Portuese.



### Publication Spotlight

Commissioner Mark Meador from the Federal Trade Commission delivered a speech during our Second Annual Antitrust Conference that led to a thought-provoking publication.

We are honored to have republished Commissioner Meador's piece, first published in the FTC's website.

Titled "Antitrust Myth Busting", the piece debunks 5 antitrust myths: 1) "antitrust is regulation"; 2) vertical integration is always procompetitive; 3) "Innovation can justify exclusion"; 4) "we need national champions to compete with China"; 5) "structural remedies are extreme measures".



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## Our Regional Initiatives

A distinguishing feature of the GW Competition & Innovation Lab is its capacity to establish local teams dedicated to on-the-ground research and engagement with regional policy frameworks.

To date, the Lab has launched 8 regional initiatives: the Hispanic America Initiative, the Brazil Initiative, the European Union Initiative, the UK Initiative, the South Africa Initiative, and the India Initiative, the Australia Initiative, and the Turkiye Initiative. The last two are the most recent ones.

Dr. Hanna Stakheyeva, Knowledge Counsel at ACTECON, leads the Turkiye Initiative. Dr. Aaron Lane, Senior Lecturer at RMIT University, leads the Australia Initiative.



**HANNA STAKHEYEVA**



**AARON LANE**



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## Our Events: April–May 2025

April 1	<b>Concurrences' Antitrust Writing Award:</b> Prof. Portuese was part of the Academic Steering Committee	
April 15	<b><u>Illuminating the Evolving Contours of Merger Control in Türkiye</u></b>	
April 24	<b><u>Whistleblowers &amp; Bid Rigging: Safeguarding Fair Competition</u></b>	
May 1	<b><u>1st MENA Antitrust Policy Symposium 2025, Riyadh (Saudi Arabia).</u></b>	 <p>May 1, 2025 8.30 am To 3.00 pm</p>






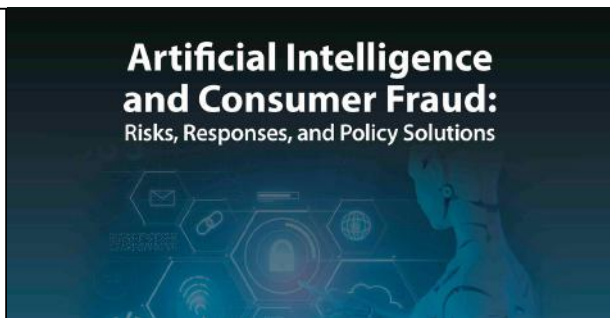


## Our Events: April–May 2025

May 5	<p><b><u>Second Annual Antitrust Conference</u></b></p> <p>Jack Morton Auditorium of the <u>George Washington University</u></p>	
May 6	<p><b><u>Annual Antitrust Workshop</u></b></p> <p>Academic Center of the <u>George Washington University</u></p>	
May 15	<p><b><u>Interoperability: U.S. and European Perspectives Compared</u></b></p>	
May 23	<p><b><u>Competition Leniency Programs in the Andean Region</u></b></p>	





## Some Upcoming Events

July 16-19	<b><u>Competition Moot Court,</u></b> <i>Peru</i>	 <p>MOOT 2025 Libre Competencia Inversiones extranjeras en activos estratégicos y libre competencia Del 16 al 19 de julio de 2025</p>
Sept. 17	<b><u>Artificial Intelligence and Consumer Fraud,</u></b> Jack Morton Auditorium of the George Washington University	 <p>Artificial Intelligence and Consumer Fraud: Risks, Responses, and Policy Solutions</p>
Sept. 19	<b><u>Research Conference on Communications, Information and Internet Policy (TPRC 53)</u></b> <i>Prof. Portuese is Vice-Chair of the Committee</i>	 <p>TPRC53 The Research Conference on Communications, Information and Internet Policy September 19-20, 2025 Washington, DC</p>
Sept. 22	<b><u>The Competition &amp; Growth Conference</u></b> <b><u>Unleashing Prosperity,</u></b> London (UK)	 <p>The Competition &amp; Growth Conference Unleashing Prosperity Georgetown University</p>

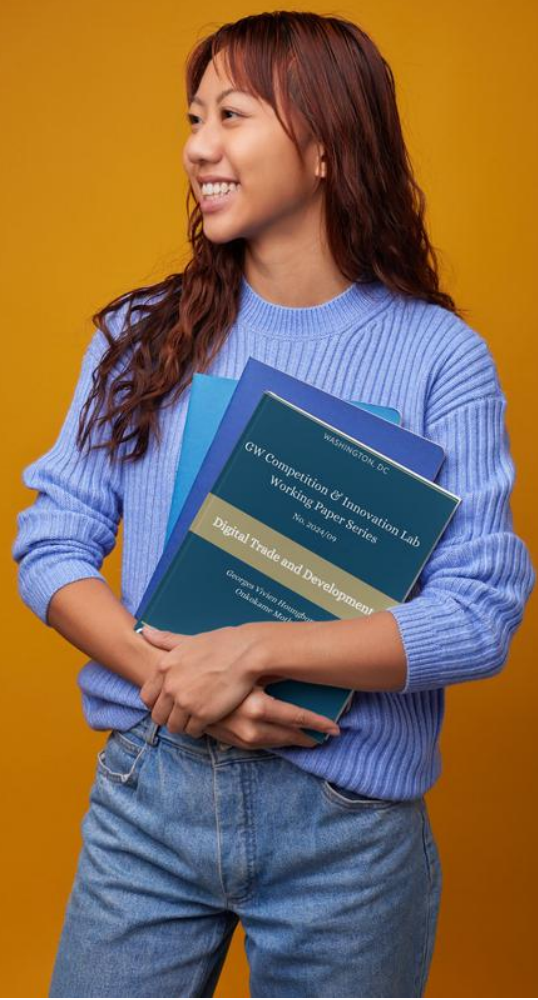




## Our Publications: April–May 2025

### GW WORKING PAPER SERIES:

- **Commissioner Meador's Remarks at the Second Annual Antitrust Conference at the George Washington University**, by Mark Meador
- **Competition for Competition: What Practitioners Expect from Competition Authorities with Leadership Ambitions**, by Mathew Heim, Penelope Giosa, Patrick Porter
- **Collective Dominance Under Scrutiny: Closing the Enforcement Gap or Complicating EU Competition Policy?** by Miroslava Marinova
- **Analyzing Capabilities is Too Speculative: A Reply to David Teece**, by Lawrence Landman
- **Competition Law in Limbo: Intel, Fidelity Rebates, and the Price of a Procedural Error**, by Miroslava Marinova
- **Brazil's Regulatory Approach to Digital Platforms: An Evidence-Based Analysis and Comparative Assessment**, by Eduardo Gaban







## Our Publications: April–May 2025

### GW Lab's Blog Posts :

- **Interoperability: U.S. and EU Perspectives Compared,** *by Isabella Lorenzoni*
- **Key Considerations for Effective Leniency Programs in the Andean Experience,** *by Frederic Jenny*



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## Opportunities:

We are offering a number of opportunities:

- for students, research assistance and event assistance positions
- for policymakers and innovators, speaking opportunities
- for stakeholders, partnerships opportunities

If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please contact us at [gwucil@gwu.edu](mailto:gwucil@gwu.edu)

## Support our Mission:

Our GW Competition & Innovation Lab is a global center studying antitrust, market regulation and IP to ensure that our laws and regulation foster innovation and fair competition. Our team comprises internationally acclaimed scholars who not only conduct empirical research but also lead the vanguard in knowledge creation. They collaborate with policymakers and engage with entrepreneurs, fostering a climate conducive to innovation and competitive rivalry. We invite you to join us at the GW CIL, where passion aligns with purpose. Here, we are not merely envisioning a more prosperous future; we are in the process of actualizing it. Together, we aim to stimulate economic growth and innovation while ensuring fair competition.

Given the complex regulatory environment, our GW Competition & Innovation requires your support to continue and expand its mission, its outreach, and continue to deliver excellent research and impactful events.

You can support the GW Competition & Innovation Lab with tax-exempt donations [here](#).







## Engagement with the Lab



### Visiting Fellowship

The GW Competition & Innovation Lab is pleased to announce a six-month Visiting Researcher Fellowship for scholars focused on antitrust, innovation, and related disciplines.

This unpaid fellowship provides access to Lab resources, collaborative opportunities, and involvement in impactful policy discussions.

Fellows will actively contribute to research and events shaping the future of competition and innovation. The fellowship will run from January to June 2026, with applications open from September to November 2025.

For details, contact [gwucil@gwu.edu](mailto:gwucil@gwu.edu).







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