BIICL Roundtable: Is antitrust still fit for purpose in the digital age?

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The digital space is top of mind for antitrust authorities globally and one central question is whether existing antitrust law and enforcement practice remains fit for purpose.

The BIICL roundtable will tackle this question head on, through a series of discussions bringing together leading officials (including from the European Commission, France, Germany and the UK), academics, and economists, with senior leaders from the tech industry and disrupted corporates. This event will be a forum for an open and constructive dialogue about antitrust enforcement in the tech space, enabling participants to exchange views and learn from one another’s perspectives, and thus promote more effective enforcement.

Programme

Panel 1: Controlling dominant platforms – prevailing theories of harm

- **Nicolas Defieux**
  Head of Unit at the FCA’s Investigation Services - Tech and Telecom sectors

- **Cristina Caffarra**
  Head of European Competition Practice at CRA – acting for the State of Texas in relation to the U.S. tech investigations

- **Nick Banasovic**
  Head of IT, Internet and Consumer Electronics Antitrust, DG-Comp

Panel 2: Data and digital advertising

- **Derek McAuley**
  Professor of Digital Economy, University of Nottingham and co-author of the Furman Review

- **Liza Lovdahl Gormsen**
  Director of the Competition Law Forum & Senior Research Fellow in Competition Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

- **Tom Smith**
  CMA Legal Director, Online Platforms and Digital Advertising market study
Panel 3: Competition policy 2.0 – reform of the substance, reform of the process

- **Dr Thorsten Käseberg**
  Competition Policy Unit of the German Economics Ministry. Former case-handler at DG-Comp

- **Simon Pritchard**
  Competition Partner, Linklaters and former Senior Director, Mergers, Office of Fair Trading

- **Stephen Lewis**
  Partner, RBB Economics

- **Pablo Ibáñez Colomo [TBC]**
  Chair in Law at the London School of Economics and Visiting Professor of Law at the College of Europe (Bruges)