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ONCE UPON A TIME IN ST. PETERSBURG...

In June 2015, HSE-University together with UCL Law and FAS Russia launched the BRICS joint research platform to promote pro-development competition law and policy globally



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...And then in Moscow
in September 2015,
the first BRICS
focused research
project on regulation
of global food chains
was announced



FOOD PROJECT

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Jul 2015

Presentation at the UNCTAD platform, Geneva, Switzerland

Nov 2015

4th BRICS Competition Conference, presentation of the research project to the BRICS authorities, Durban, South Africa

Nov 2015

Workshop "Competition Law and Policy in the Food Value Chain: Is there a Call for a BRICS Competition Law Paradigm?", University of Cape Town, South Africa

May 2016

May 2016 - International workshop on 'The Global Food Chain: Prospects for Development of Competition Law and Policy', HSE-University, St. Petersburg

May 2016

St. Petersburg Legal Forum, a series of intense policy discussions

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Sept 2016

The intermediate findings of the study presented in Moscow at the joint BRICS WG + Centre's researchers, Competition Week, Moscow

May 2017

St. Petersburg International Legal Forum, sessions on the most pressing problems of antitrust regulation, more than twenty world class experts from Europe, the United States, and the other BRICS countries came to Russia + first draft presentation

Nov 2017

Presentation of the final version of the report, 5th BRICS Competition Conference, Brasilia, Brazil

Mar 2018

17th annual International Competition Network (ICN), presentation of the project spin-off, roundtable "Discussion of global dealings of market concentration in the agri-industrial complex"

FOOD PROJECT: MAIN OUTCOMES

Global Food Value Chains:
Nurturing the New Competition
and Innovation Policies in BRICS



The first comprehensive report on competition issues in the food markets from the global value chains perspective with the focus on factor markets for agricultural production

BRICS take on the development of competition in the food sector was brought to the global stage of academic and policy debate

A noticeable contribution was made to the innovation and developmental aspects of competition in this sector

With support of the Center's research the Bayer/Monsanto merger has shown benefits and potential for substantive cooperation between the BRICS competition authorities

DIGITAL PROJECT

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Dec 2017

Launch of the project, International Competition Conference at the Skolkovo Innovation Centre

Dec 2017

Big Data and Competition conference at the University of Sun Yatsen, China

May 2018

Workshop on Digital Antitrust at the St. Petersburg State University

May 2018

St. Petersburg International Legal Forum, discussions on digital economy, featuring international academia + BRICS authorities

May 2018

St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, panel session on digital antitrust

Nov 2018

Seminar “Antitrust Law and Policy in Digital Markets: BRICS Focus”, UCL, London

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April 2019

Workshop on digital antitrust at the Peking University, Beijing, China

Mar 2019

Seminar at CUTS International and the Conference on Economics of Competition Law, New Delhi, India

Mar 2019

Discussion at the meeting of Russia's Federal Antimonopoly Service and China's State Administration for Market Regulation

July 2019

Brazil-focused research workshop on Antitrust and Development in the Digital Economy, Insper University, Sao Paulo

July 2019

Designing Antitrust for the Digital Era Conference, organized by the CADE, Brazilia, Brazil

Sept 2019

Presentation of version 1.0 of the report "Digital Era Competition: BRICS View» at the VI BRICS Competition Conference in Moscow

DIGITAL ERA COMPETITION: MAIN OUTCOMES

- Deep analysis of the new forms of competitive interaction in the era of digital capitalism
- The first study on the challenges posed by the digital economy to competition law enforcement in the BRICS economies and broader in the developing world
- New holistic approach to the power dynamics within the global digital ecosystems
- Ongoing research updated with the new findings coming out every day...



DIGITAL ERA COMPETITION: A BRICS VIEW

REPORT

*BY THE BRICS COMPETITION
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WORK PIPELINE FOR 2020-2022

Finalization of the Digital Project – to be completed by the end of 2020

- updates due to the global pandemic
- more focus on possible developmental trajectories of the digital economy
- more focus on the BRICS countries specific circumstances

Continuation of the Food Project with primary focus on the downstream segment of the global food value chain:

- oligopoly of the global food commodity trading
- concentration on processing, distribution and retail markets

A long-term project to be completed in the first half of 2022

Empirical Study on Cross-Border Cartels

The first results to be presented in October 2020 at the UNCTAD Conference in Geneva

Pharmaceutical Project

The brand new project to be completed by the next BRICS Conference in China in 2021 with preliminary results to be published early in 2021

EMPIRICAL STUDY ON **CROSS-BORDER** **CARTELS**



In February 2020, the Centre launched a global empirical study on combating cross border cartels, which aims at identification of the most pressing enforcement challenges and the ways how international cooperation mechanisms could help to overcome them

The study brings the BRICS perspective to the global arena

About 40 competition authorities have already filled the questionnaire

The first findings will be presented at the special roundtable at the VIII Review Conference of All Aspects of the UN Set on Competition (19-23 October 2020, Geneva, Switzerland) on UNCTAD platform

The Centre sees an opportunity to use this research to help the BRICS authorities to further improve their tools for global cartels prevention

PHARMA PROJECT



May 2019

St Petersburg International Economic Forum, the BRICS round-table discussion on competition in the pharmaceutical markets



March 2019

Meeting of the BRICS+WG on pharmaceutical markets, HSE-University, Moscow

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- COVID-19 pandemic brings special attention to the pharmaceutical markets
- The relevant BRICS WG has a long history of effective advocacy for the better and more fair global marketplace in this extremely sensitive area
- The Center's research is going to be focused on the topics of joint interest of the BRICS competition communities
- We have preliminary identified the following research topics for 2020-2021:
 - Structural flaws of the global pharmaceutical sector (especially seen in the course of the global pandemic)
 - Killer acquisitions (in a broader sense including acquiring, patent grabbing and deep capture of knowledge production in the industry) with focus on the deterring effects for development and dissemination of the most advanced technologies across the world
 - Market access for generics and other affordable medicines (the role of competition law in improving market access)