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| ***December 13, 2021*** ***13.00-14.30 (Moscow time)*****Meeting of the BRICS+ Working Group for the Research of Competition Issues in Food Markets:** **“Price Volatility in Global Food Markets: How Could Competition Authorities Respond”**  |
| The world is transitioning from a period of food abundance to that of food scarcity. While the world population has doubled in recent decades, the volume of food trade has increased sixfold. The price spikes cause governments to raise export barriers to prevent food shortages in domestic markets. By disrupting global food supplies, price volatility undermines regional food security and contributes to social and political instability that becomes a particular threat in times of pandemic. The panelists will have an opportunity to discuss how healthy competition in global food markets can contribute to food security and what role competition authorities may play in bringing about a more stable market environment.As part of the Woking Group meeting, a worldwide launch of the book “Global Food Value Chains and Competition Law” (Cambridge University Press, January 2022) will also take place. The book written by a large international group of authors was prepared under the guidance of the BRICS International Competition Law and Policy Centre as a part of the Centre’s research project on global food value chains. The book explores potential responses to the challenges posed by the transition to the green economy and sustainable production.Questions to be discussed:* What are the new challenges in the global food markets faced by competition authorities? Possible ways to prevent anticompetitive practices and negative effects in global food markets.
* What role do competition issues play in food security?
* How should competition authorities deal with public commitments for biodiversity, sustainability, green economy, etc.?

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* ***Alexey Ivanov***,Director, HSE-Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development; BRICS International Competition Law and Policy Center;
* ***Larisa Vovkivskaya***, Head, Department for Control over Agro-Industrial Complex, Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia)*;*
* ***Qi Shuanglin***, Deputy Director, Monopoly Agreements  Law Enforcement Division 2, First Department of the Anti-monopoly Enforcement, State Administration for Market Regulation of the People’s Republic of China;
* ***Jason Aproskie***, Expert, Competition Commission of South Africa;
* ***Noman Laiq***, Director General Cartels and Trade Abuse Department, Competition Commission of Pakistan;
* ***Dennis Davis***,Hon. Professor of law, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town;
* ***Claudio Lombardi***,Lecturer, University of Aberdeen School of Law;
* ***Svetlana Avdasheva***,Professor, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Higher School of Economics.

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