



# Competition & Innovation Lab

## THE COMPETITION & GROWTH CONFERENCE

### Unleashing Prosperity



**University of East London  
University Square Stratford  
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In January 2025, the UK government replaced the chair of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), signaling a shift toward a more growth-oriented competition policy. This move, part of Labour's broader economic agenda, has sparked intense debate about how competition enforcement can coexist with fostering innovation and growth, particularly in transformative sectors like artificial intelligence (AI) and digital markets.

This conference brings together leading competition regulators, enforcers, antitrust scholars, practitioners, and in-house counsels to address this critical challenge and aims to explore how competition authorities can promote fair markets while supporting economic dynamism in an interconnected, AI-driven world.



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## AGENDA

### **8:00–9:00 Registration & Breakfast**

### **9:00–9:15 Opening Remarks**

- Professor Aurelien Portuese (George Washington University)

### **9:15–10:45 The Regulation of Competition in AI**

- Chair: Aurelien Portuese (GWU)
- Panelists: Kai-Uwe Kuhn (UEA); Phillip Malloch (META), Oliver Bethell (Google), Renato Nazzini (KCL)

### **10:45–11:15 Coffee Break**

### **11:15–12:45 The Effects of the DMCC**

- Chair: Miroslava Marinova (UEL)
- Panelists: Jessica Radke (Linklaters); Sarah Long (Euclid); Cleo Alliston (BBC)

### **12:45–2:00 Lunch Break**

### **2:00–2:30 Fireside Chat**

- Ioannis Kokkoris (Queen Mary University of London) & Aurelien Portuese (GWU)

### **2:30–4:00 The New Merger & Trade Landscape**

- Chair: Lau Nilausen (CompassLexecon)
- Panelists: Ronan Scanlan (Steptoe); Alex Jennings (Vodafone); Peter Holmes (USussex); Miranda Cole (Perkins Coie)

### **4:00–4:15 Closing Remarks**