

7 July 2025, 10:00 - 13:00 (CEST)

Geneva, Switzerland

Venue: Room XIX, E-Building, Palais des Nations

16th meeting of the Research Partnership Platform

The Research Partnership Platform (RPP), created in 2010, serves as an informal forum that brings together scholars to enhance UNCTAD's research and policy analysis on competition and consumer protection. The United Nations Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection, in its 8th session held in 2020, recognized the role of the platform in strengthening UNCTAD's research and policy analysis capacities and linking research findings to its technical cooperation pillar.

In its 16th meeting, RPP will gather scholars to discuss consumer protection in a changing world and commemorate 40 Years of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection with a view to reflect on its global impact. In the second part of the meeting, the audience will hear from scholars on their current research projects on competition and consumer protection, including competition law and the State, different legal cultures and implications for competition law enforcement and consumer protection in digital markets. Finally, there will be a presentation of Digital Policy Alert, which is a digital policy database developed by St. Gallen Endowment for Prosperity through Trade.





Programme

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome remarks: **Ms. Teresa Moreira**, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

10:10 - 11:15 40 Years of the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection: Global Impact

Moderator: **Ana Cipriano**, Legal Officer, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- **Prof. Claudia Lima Marques**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)
- **Mr. Thierry Bourgoignie**, International Association of Consumer Law (IACL) (tbc)

11:15 - 11:30 Q&A

11:30 - 12:15 Presentation of research projects

Moderator: **Ebru Gökçe Dessemond**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- Competition law and the State:
Prof. Eleanor M. Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, New York University School of Law
- Considering legal cultures: Complementing and improving capacity building activities:
Dr. Sven Gallasch, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University Law School
- Ethics at the edge: Neuromarketing, consent and consumer protection in digital markets:
Prof. Ettore Lombardi, Professor of Private Law, School of Law, University of Florence, Italy
- Digital Policy Alert:
Mr. Tommaso Giardini, Associate Director, St.Gallen Endowment for Prosperity through Trade

12:15 - 12:30 Q&A

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