



Side Events of Research Partnership Platform (RPP)

**Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th July 2015 (13:10 - 14:15)
Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Genève**

Since 2010, the members of the RPP, interested researchers and UNCTAD staff have come together at the margins of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, and exchanged views on ongoing projects and discussed new research proposals and the research activities of the Partners of the Platform.

During this year's Seventh United Nations Review Conference, for the first time the RPP will be presenting a number of lunchtime seminars on subjects that will be both informative and useful for the representatives of competition authorities, as well as academics.

Tuesday 7th July

13:10 - 14:15	Seminar from <i>Journal of Antitrust Enforcement</i> presented by Ariel Ezrachi
	<p>The session will focus on the JAE study on 'agency effectiveness', which explores competition agencies' wide range of daily concerns and strategies, and the formal and informal ways in which they are handled. Managing and navigating a competition agency is very much a process of learning by doing. The aim of the study is to capture and make available the know-how that competition agency officials accumulate during their service. In particular, it aims to provide a candid account of the practical challenges that heads of agencies and their staff face as they navigate through changing legal, social, political and organisational landscapes. Please note that the study does not aim to provide a review of the substantive laws. Rather, it aims to explore practical managerial and structural challenges and variants that affect an agency's effectiveness.</p> <p>During this seminar, a panel, including a number of JAE issue editors, will discuss various aspects of this study.</p> <p>Ariel Ezrachi is the Slaughter and May Professor of Competition Law and a Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford. He serves as the Director of the University of Oxford Centre for Competition Law and Policy.</p>

Wednesday 8th July

13:10 - 14:15	<i>Competitive Neutrality presented by Deborah Healey</i>
	<p>Competitive neutrality is the recognition that significant government business activities which are in competition with the private sector should not have a competitive advantage or disadvantage simply by virtue of government ownership and control.</p> <p>This seminar will discuss the analysis and implementation of competitive neutrality policy, drawing upon the results of the Competitive Neutrality project completed under the auspices of the UNCTAD RPP: http://unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/Competitive-Neutrality.aspx</p> <p>Deborah Healey is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.</p>

Thursday 9th July

13:10 - 14:15	<i>Enhancing International Deterrence of Cartels presented by Michal Gal</i>
	<p>There is a general consensus that deterrence of international cartels is sub-optimal. Many developing or small jurisdictions never bring suits against such cartels and their consumers are not compensated for the significant harm imposed upon them by such cartels.</p> <p>The purpose of this talk is to propose a novel method to reduce this problem. This tool will enable countries to adopt and rely upon foreign findings of international hard-core cartels, provided that the foreign decisions meet criteria that ensure that such reliance is reasonable and fair.</p> <p>Michel Gal is a Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa.</p>