



## **2024 TEC Institute Summit, Brussels**

### **Trends in Technology, Regulation, and Litigation for AI and Semiconductors**

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In today's knowledge economy, technological innovation is the engine of economic growth. National leaders worldwide prioritize setting effective innovation and competition policies. The EU exemplifies this focus, with initiatives like the Digital Single Market and the Digital Markets Act aiming to spur innovation, protect competition, and maintain control over key technologies. However, achieving these goals can be challenging, as they may sometimes conflict.

Join us for a comprehensive discussion of key technology trends and how they are influencing regulatory, policy, and litigation developments. The TEC Institute aims to help create the most relevant legal and economic framework and provide a deeper understanding of technology trends and the current policy landscape. TEC Institute participants represent the intersection of industry, policy, and the expert/academic community.

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**Droit de la concurrence**

**Droit des technologies de l'information et de la communication**

**Droits intellectuels**

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## Speakers

### **Christian Ahlborn**

Partner  
Covington

Christian Ahlborn has more than twenty years of experience advising multinational corporates, banks and other institutions on global competition law. He is also a trained economist, which enables him to apply both legal and economic perspectives to a case. Christian's expertise includes EU competition law, with a focus on complex M&A, behavioural antitrust work, control of dominance issues, and state aid control. Christian is qualified in England, Wales and Germany, and has been seconded to DG COMP and to the Bundeskartellamt.

### **Michele Davis**

Partner and Global Co-Head of Tech, Media and Telecoms  
Freshfields

Michele Davis supports clients before EU and UK regulators and courts across all aspects of EU and UK competition law. Her expertise includes merger control and foreign investment, Articles 101/102 and equivalent UK legislation, digital regulation, market/sector investigations, and sector-specific economic regulation. Her tech practice includes advising clients on new digital regulation such as the EU Digital Markets Act, and on the competition law and national security implications of emerging technologies. Michele is a member of the Brussels bar and has worked on secondment in Beijing, Brussels and Washington, DC.

### **Carlota Reyners Fontana**

Director, Enforcement of Antitrust, Merger and State Aid Enforcement: Information Technology, Communications and Media  
Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP)  
European Commission

Carlota Reyners Fontana has held her current position at DG COMP since August 2023. Previously, Carlota served for eight years in the electronic communications sector of the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), where she oversaw EU policy and legislation. Between 2012 and 2014, Carlota was a member of the cabinet of Vice President Neelie Kroes, the commissioner responsible for the Digital Agenda. Before joining the European Commission, Carlota worked as a competition lawyer in the private sector.

### **Rahul Guha**

CEO  
Cornerstone Research

Rahul Guha leads an international team of professionals dedicated to supporting clients and experts in a range of complex litigation challenges. Rahul is the former co-head of Cornerstone Research's antitrust and competition practice, and founder of the life sciences practice. He has over twenty-five years of experience applying economic analysis to a wide range of high-profile antitrust, intellectual property and alleged product misrepresentation cases. Rahul consults on regulatory inquiries, motion practice and all phases of litigation and arbitral proceedings in the United States and international venues. Working with counsel, he helps to develop economic and financial testimony for leading academic and industry experts.

**Kirti Gupta**

Vice President and Chief Economist of Global Technology  
Cornerstone Research;  
University of California, Berkeley

Kirti Gupta is a noted economist and expert specialising in global matters related to technology, antitrust and intellectual property (IP). Kirti's diverse expertise spans engineering, product, litigation and policy issues in the technology sector. She has more than twenty years of experience working at the forefront of technologies, including mobile/wireless telecommunications, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and semiconductors. Before joining Cornerstone Research, Kirti was a vice president and chief economist at Qualcomm Inc., providing economic analysis and strategic guidance on global technology, IP, antitrust and macroeconomic policy issues.

**Grania Holzwarth**

Head of EU Competition Policy  
Deutsche Telekom

Grania Holzwarth oversees EU competition policy for Deutsche Telekom (DT) in Brussels. As part of DT's international competition team, Grania focuses on ongoing competition cases in Europe and the United States, particularly telecommunications mergers and antitrust cases in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector. She has substantial experience developing competition policy in the context of digitalisation. Grania chairs the Competition Policy Taskforce of the European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) and serves as vice chair of the In House Competition Lawyers' Association's (ICLA's) EU chapter.

**Paul Johnson**

Partner  
Baker McKenzie

Paul Johnson is a partner in Baker McKenzie's European Competition and Regulatory Affairs practice in Brussels. Paul has extensive experience in all areas of EU competition law, including EU and UK merger control, foreign direct investment, foreign subsidies review, cartels, abuse of dominance, market studies and EU regulation. He regularly represents clients in the technology sector on competition matters before the European Commission and the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

**Gregor Langus**

Vice President\*  
Cornerstone Research

Gregor Langus leads Cornerstone Research's Brussels competition team. Gregor is a leading European competition economist who supports clients and provides expert testimony in antitrust investigations, merger reviews, competition damages matters and arbitration proceedings. He has extensive experience in innovation, digital markets and intellectual property matters. Gregor has worked on matters before the European Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and competition authorities and courts of several EU member states. He served in the Chief Economist's Team at DG COMP for over seven years, in two separate appointments.

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**Ting Li**

Professor of Digital Business  
Rotterdam School of Management  
Erasmus University

Ting Li is an expert on the economics of information and technology, including such topics as the digital economy, e-commerce, digital platforms, online advertising, social and mobile analytics, digital pricing, augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), AI and decision-making, and digital privacy. She is the founding member and academic director of the Digital Business Practice of the Erasmus Centre for Data Analytics. Ting consults to leading global organisations on competitiveness in the digital environment. She has been a visiting professor at MIT Sloan School of Management; the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; City University of Hong Kong; and Tsinghua University.

**Paul Lugard**

Partner  
Baker Botts

Paul Lugard is a partner in the Brussels office of Baker Botts LLP and a member of the firm's antitrust and competition practice. Paul has practiced in the international competition law field for more than twenty-five years and concentrates on complex merger proceedings and investigations into alleged anti-competitive business practices. He has also counselled some of the world's leading companies on strategic cooperation agreements, ecosystem competition, and technology licensing agreements. Paul is active in the development of international competition policy. He has served as a Non-Governmental Advisor (NGA) to the International Competition Network (ICN) for more than fifteen years. He is a vice chair of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD and the immediate past chair of the ICC Competition Commission. Paul was a senior vice president and head of antitrust at Royal Philips Electronics from 2005 until 2012.

**Dimitrios Magos**

Case Manager / Economist, Chief Economist's Team  
Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP)  
European Commission

Dimitrios Magos is case manager in the Chief Economist's Team at DG COMP. He has worked across the different competition instruments (e.g., mergers, antitrust and state aid) and in the past five years he has focused on state aid control as a state aid coordinator within the Chief Economist's Team. With a background in financial regulation, Dimitrios has also worked as an economist at the Financial Services Authority (FCA) and the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA). He holds a PhD in competition policy from the European University Institute.

**Rashid Muhamedrahimov**

Director, Applied Research Center  
Cornerstone Research

An economist and data scientist with more than ten years of economic, litigation and regulatory consulting experience, Rashid has worked on nearly one hundred cases in various capacities involving economics and data science analyses. He has developed and applied advanced economic analytics tools and technologies to antitrust issues, including abuse of dominance and anti-competitive agreements, merger control, commercial litigation, and international arbitration matters. Rashid and his team harness specialised expertise in technical areas of economics, finance and technology to enhance the firm’s effectiveness and efficiency in supporting clients and experts.

**Merit Olthoff**

Partner  
Freshfields

Merit Olthoff advises on all aspects of EU and German competition law, including cross-border merger control, foreign investment screening, and antitrust investigations. Merit specialises in EU state aid procedures before the European Commission and EU Courts. She is currently advising at the forefront of green transformation and its funding. Merit is actively engaged in the EU’s new Foreign Subsidies Regulation. Her clients include financial institutions, industrials in transformation, and private equity firms. Merit also advises technology companies on implications of the European Commission’s Digital Markets Act.

**Marco Pancini**

Head of Business Affairs  
Meta

Marco Pancini’s professional career began in the start-up project of iBazar, Europe’s first online auction website. He then moved to eBay, where he served as head of Legal and Trust and Safety from 2002 to 2007. In July 2007, Marco joined the public policy team at Google, where he worked for almost fifteen years in various roles and countries. In April 2022, he joined Meta’s public policy team to lead the Business Affairs team in Brussels.

**Pier Luigi Parcu**

Director, Centre for a Digital Society  
European University Institute (EUI)

Pier Luigi Parcu directs the Centre for a Digital Society and the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at EUI. Previously, Pier Luigi held a variety of senior roles, including CEO of the Italian Electric Grid, director of investigation at the Italian Competition Authority, chief economist at the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (CONSOB), and economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Pier Luigi researches the impact of regulation and antitrust on firm behaviour, digital platform challenges, and how media enterprise governance affects pluralism and freedom of expression.

### **Christian Riis-Madsen**

Partner  
Gibson Dunn

Christian Riis-Madsen is a renowned expert in EU competition and regulatory law, specialising in antitrust issues and merger control. As co-chair of Gibson Dunn’s antitrust and competition practice group and partner in charge of the Brussels office, Christian represents large multinationals in complex matters before the European Commission, particularly in the tech sector. He has a track record of success in defending behavioural and cartel cases. Christian is recognised by Chambers Global, Legal 500 EMEA, and *Who’s Who Legal* for deep industry knowledge and strategic leadership. *Global Competition Review* has named him one of the “Top Young Antitrust Lawyers in the World.”

### **Milena Robotham**

Partner  
Clifford Chance

Milena Robotham specialises in European competition law and has broad experience representing companies in proceedings before the European Commission. Milena advises a range of corporate clients, including in contentious behavioural matters, complex merger control cases and advisory and compliance matters. She has particular expertise in technology and energy markets. Milena has experience advising on high-profile cases both from the in-house and outside counsel perspective.

### **Demos Spatharis**

Head of Unit, State Aid: General Scrutiny and Enforcement, IPCEI, Environment & Innovation Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP)  
European Commission

Demos Spatharis heads the DG COMP unit focused on state aid policy and control toward environmental protection and innovation. He also oversees state aid assessment, projects, schemes and EU-applicable state aid rules related to Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in these areas. In these capacities, Demos addresses rules to facilitate and incentivise clean tech, clean mobility, energy efficiency and the circular economy. Previously, Demos headed a DG TRADE unit focused on anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and investigations into low-priced imports into the European market. He has also negotiated trade remedy chapters in free trade agreements (FTAs).

### **Ashwin Van Rooijen**

Partner  
Clifford Chance

Ashwin Van Rooijen focuses on contentious antitrust matters—abuse of dominance and restrictive agreements—as well as regulation in the technology sector. His practice covers key issues in technology markets, including standard essential patents, standard-setting agreements, refusal to supply and refusal to license, interoperability, aftermarkets, tying, data, and vertical restraints in licensing and distribution agreements. Ashwin also advises (prospective) gatekeepers and third parties on implications of the Digital Markets Act.

## **E. Glen Weyl**

Founder

Plural Technology Collaboratory (Microsoft Research)

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Glen Weyl is the world's leading expert on how to harness emerging tools such as generative AI, the metaverse, AI and social networks to advance, support and renew democracy, pluralism and other core social values. Glen has published dozens of articles in academic journals and the popular press, including the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the *American Economic Review*, the *Harvard Law Review*, and the *New York Times*. He co-authored the 2018 book, *Radical Markets: Uprooting Capitalism and Democracy for a Just Society*. Glen is currently collaborating with Taiwan's Digital Minister, Audrey Tang, on an open, Web3-based collaborative book project titled, *Plurality: Technology for Cooperative Diversity and Democracy*.