

Platform Regulation

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Without too much fanfare, the South African competition regulator has recently embarked upon an investigation of the competitive dynamics and potential monopoly problems in the fast-emerging area of online platform markets. There are several crucial aspects to understanding the background to the current market inquiry. One is the degree to which the investigation's scope overlaps with privacy and data protection policy. Another is the implication for substantial industries such as publishing and for public interest activities such as journalism. A third is the degree to which the issues of this inquiry can kick-start South Africa's digital economy or, perhaps from a different perspective, restart its industrial economy. This webinar will examine these issues from African perspectives, including but not limited to those based in South Africa and Kenya.

Guest Speakers including:

Harry Dugmore, University of the Sunshine Coast and Rhodes University

Paul Plantinga, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

Alison Tilley/Hlengiwe Shelembe, Information Regulator

Adano Roba/Ninette Mwarania, Competition Authority of Kenya

Tlhalefang Moeletsi, School of Economics and Finance, University of the Witwatersrand

Discussant:

Thando Vilakazi, Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED), University of Johannesburg

Moderator:

Firoz Cachalia, Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand

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