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Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)  
Competition Policy Research Center (CPRC)

## Osaka International Symposium: Digital Economy and Competition Policy – IoT, Data, Platforms and Laws –

While innovation is being created one after another through utilization of big data, development and diffusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and IoT, there is concern that parties with a dominant position, such as having the fundamental technology for doing business, distort competition or impose unfair business conditions. In particular, behaviors of giant platformers, standard essential patents owners and “patent trolls” are attracting a lot of attention.

In this symposium, we discuss, in the course of the progress of digital economy, in what kind of competitive environment companies are placed, and what is the role of the competition law and competition policy, taking into consideration domestic and overseas movements.

1. Date: 30 March, 2018 (Fri) 13:00—17:30

2. Osaka Bar Association Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall (<http://www.osakaben.or.jp/11-english/index.php>)

3. Agenda

Chair: Director Yosuke Okada, Professor, Hitotsubashi University/Director of CPRC

(1) Opening remarks (13:00 – 13:10)

Mr Masatoshi Ohara, President of Osaka Bar Association (OBA)

(2) Session I: IPRs and Competition Laws in the IoT/AI Era (13:10-14:15)

Session Chair: Fumio Sensui, Professor, Kobe University

Speaker: Jorge L. Contreras, Professor, the University of Utah

Commentators: Kazonori Shibata, KYOCERA Corporation

Noboru Kawahama, Professor, Kyoto University

Liyang Hou, Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

(3) Session II: Data, Platforms and Laws- State of Play and the Way ahead (14:30-17:20)

Session Chair: Prof Thomas K. Cheng, Hong Kong Competition Commission Commissioner /  
Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong

Reports from Public Antitrust Enforcers' and Advisors' View - Japan, Germany and the EU -

Speakers: Reiko Aoki, Commissioner, JFTC

Thomas Weck, Monopolies Commission, Germany

Simon Vande Walle, European Commission (DG Competition)

<Comments and Panel Discussion (15:50-17:20)>

Comments from: Noriko Fukuoka, Panasonic IP Management Co., Ltd

Takayuki Hamanaka, Attorney, Habataki Law Office/OBA

(4) Closing remarks (17:20-17:30)

Akira Negishi, Professor, Kobe University

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