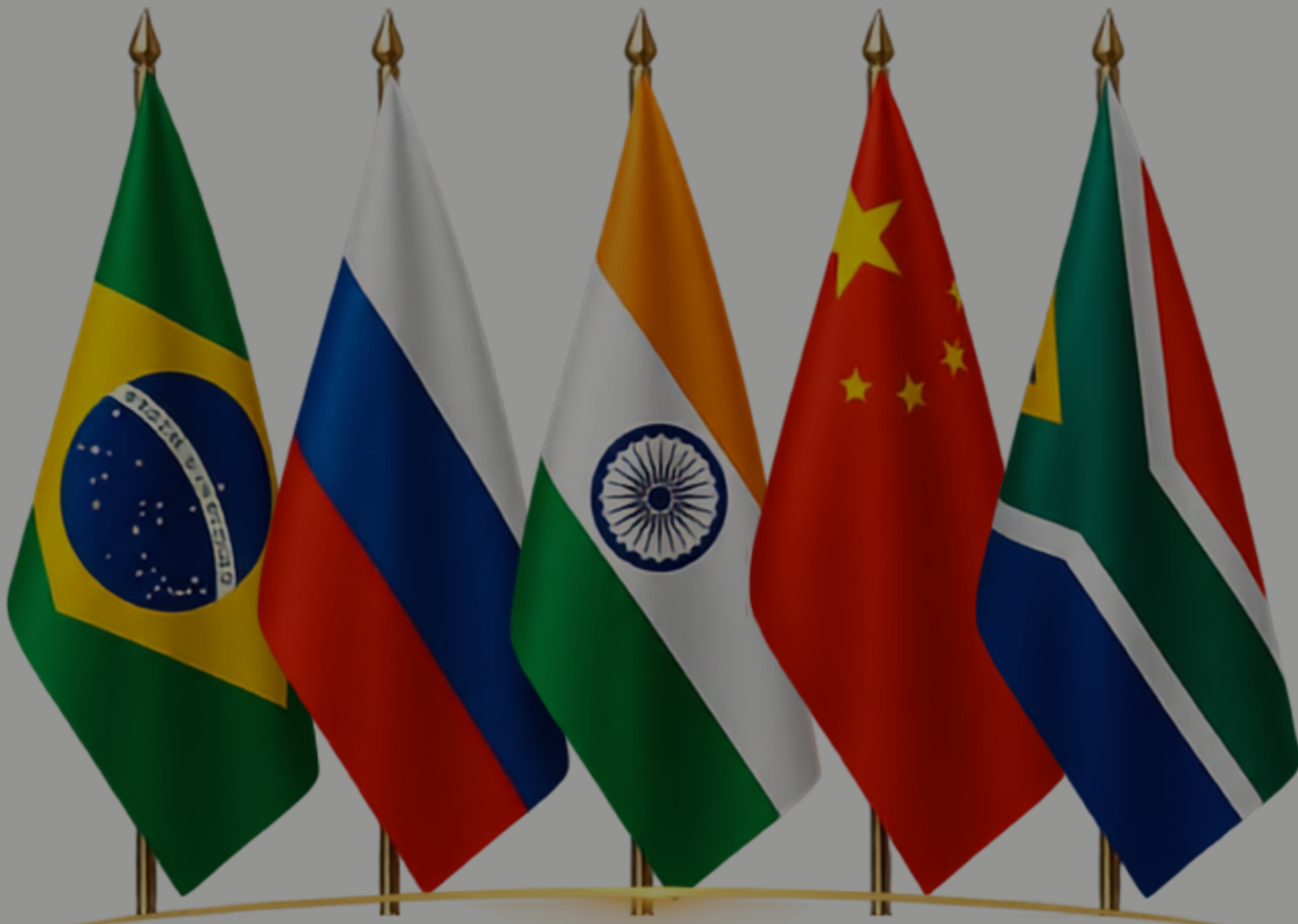


5th BRICS+ Digital Competition Forum

Rio de Janeiro, November 26-27th , 2026

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November 26

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09:30 - 10:30	Keynote — Competition Policy, Development, and Economic Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Panel 1 — Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructure Challenges in AI

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November 26

12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Panel 2 — Digital Ecosystems and Artificial Intelligence Substitution
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	Panel 3 — Market Power in Food and Agricultural Supply Chains

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November 27

09:00 - 10:30	Panel 4 — Competition in Payment Systems
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Panel 5 — Digital Public Infrastructure for Inclusion and Competition
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch

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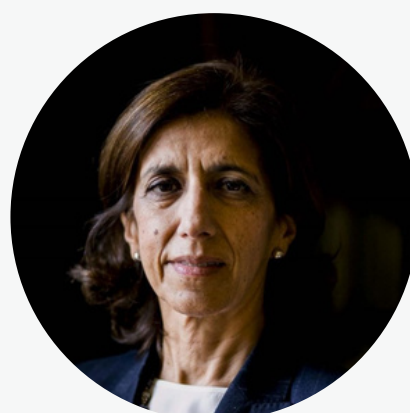
November 27

14:00 - 15:30	Panel 6 — Monetary Competition: How to Leverage Central Bank Digital Currencies
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:15	Commodity and Data Trade: Public or Private Digital Infrastructure?
17:15 - 17:30	Closing Remarks

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Opening Session

09:00- 09:30



- **Nicolo Zingales**, Director, E-Commerce Hub; Professor, FGV Rio Law School, Researcher for Centre for Technology and Society
- **Camila Pires-Alves**, Commissioner, CADE
- **Alexey Ivanov**, Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre
- **Teresa Moreira**, Director, UNCTAD Competition and Consumer Protection Division
- **Luca Belli**, Director, CTS-FGV; Professor, FGV Rio Law School

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Keynote

09:30 - 10:30

Competition Policy, Development, and Economic Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence



Roberto Mangabeira Unger

Professor at Harvard



Thomas Cheng

Professor at the University
of Hong Kong

Description: This panel will discuss the foundations of a development-oriented competition policy and its potential role in democratizing economic power within the backdrop of the development of Artificial Intelligence systems. The discussion may examine the limitations of conventional efficiency-based approaches, the relationship between competition and structural transformation, and the role of antitrust authorities in shaping more inclusive markets. It will also consider how competition policy can be integrated into broader national development strategies.

Non Final Program

Panels - Day 1

Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructure Challenges in AI

11:00 - 12:30

Description:

This panel will examine how digital ecosystems and artificial intelligence systems are transforming market structures, relationships of dependency, and the exercise of economic power. Topics include service integration, access to data, network effects, interoperability, control over AI infrastructure, and the growing concentration of computational resources. The discussion will also address the new enforcement and regulatory challenges faced by BRICS competition authorities.

Suggested participants:

- Diogo Thompson, Commissioner CADE
- Payal Malik, Head Economics at the Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- Sylvia Papadopoulos, University of Pretoria
- Representative from Yandex
- Representative from Kwai

Panels - Day 1

Digital Ecosystems and Artificial Intelligence Substitution

14:00 - 15:30

Description:

This panel will examine how AI is replacing humans in labor and content creation, and explores the role that competition policy and complementary regulatory efforts may play in creating a level playing field promoting the development of local ecosystems. Notable examples include the use of AI in journalism, music, and education.

Suggested participants:

- Nicolo Zingales, Director, E-Commerce Hub; Professor, FGV Rio Law School, Researcher for Centre for Technology and Society
- Itumeleng Lesofe, Competition Commission of South Africa
- Victor Fernandes, Secretary for Digital Rights, Ministry of Justice
- Silvia Fagá, managing partner ECOA
- Representative from Ali Baba

Panels - Day 1

Market Power in Food and Agricultural Supply Chains

16:00 - 17:30

Description:

This panel will discuss how economic concentration affects producers, consumers, and sustainability objectives in food and agricultural markets. Topics may include buyer power, concentration

Participants:

- Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto, International Chamber of Commerce Brasil
- Alexey Ivanov, Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre
- Lilian Marques, Chief Economist, CADE
- Keldon Bester, Executive Director, Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project (CAMP)

Panels - Day 2

Competition in Payment Systems

9:00 - 10:30

Description:

This panel will address the transformation of payment markets, with particular attention to the roles played by banks, fintech companies, payment platforms, and financial infrastructure providers. The discussion may cover vertical integration, interoperability, access to financial data, barriers to entry, exclusionary practices, and the development of digital payment ecosystems. It will also compare the regulatory and competition policy experiences of different BRICS jurisdictions.

Suggested Participants:

- Camila Pires-Alves, Commissioner, CADE
- Andrés Calderón, Competition Tribunal of Peru
- Carlos Ragazzo, Professor, FGV Rio Law School
- Representative from State Administration for Market Regulation, China

Panels - Day 2

Digital Public Infrastructure for Inclusion and Competition

11:00 - 12:30

Description:

This panel will discuss the development of digital public infrastructure including instant payment systems, digital identity, data-sharing frameworks, and interoperable architectures. It will assess how these infrastructures can promote financial inclusion, innovation, and broader access to essential services. At the same time, the panel will consider how to prevent them from reinforcing entrenched players, technological dependencies, or new concentrations of data and private power.

Suggested Participants:

- Ayden Ferdélin, Interledger Foundation
- Breno Lobo, Brazilian Central Bank
- Luca Belli, CTS-FGV
- Hannah Draper, Project Lead, CTS-FGV
- Amrita Sengupta, Researcher CTS-FGV
- Representative form the National Payments Corporation of India

Panels - Day 2

Monetary Competition: How to Leverage Central Bank Digital Currencies

14:00 - 15:30

Description:

This panel will analyze how Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) reshape global financial architecture and private-sector dynamics. Industry experts and policymakers will explore strategies to leverage state-issued digital money alongside commercial bank deposits, stablecoins, and private payment rails. Attendees will gain insights into optimizing interoperability, fostering payment innovation, and navigating monetary sovereignty in an increasingly digital, competitive cross-border environment.

Suggested Participants:

- Dudu Mashanyare, South African Reserve Bank
- Jeff Alvares, Brazilian Central Bank
- Representative from New Development Bank
- Smriti Parsheera, Interledger Foundation
- Representative from Sberbank

Panels - Day 2

Commodity and Data Trade: Public or Private Digital Infrastructure?

16:30 - 15:15

Description:

This panel will analyze the tensions and synergies between state-led digital public infrastructure and proprietary private networks in physical and data supply chains. Industry leaders and policy experts will examine data governance, trade facilitation, and market access to evaluate whether open-access public framework models or customized private platforms offer greater security, scalability, and resilience. Attendees will gain critical perspectives on balancing national sovereignty, interoperability, and commercial innovation in global commodity markets.

Suggested Participants:

- Alexey Ivanov, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre; Professor, HSE Law School
- André Vellozo, Drumwave
- Sizwe Snail, Nelson Mandela University, Former board member Inforeg SA
- Camila Leite, ANPD
- Nicolo Zingales, Director, E-Commerce Hub; Professor, FGV Rio Law School, Researcher for Centre for Technology and Society

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