



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Competition Law and Competition in Canada: The Way Forward

Robin Shaban
4:00-5:30 PM (coffee available from 3:45)
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Laurier Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by February 24, 2023 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Competition is a critical driver of productivity growth, innovation, and overall improvements in living standards. Competition law, an important facet of Canada's broader competition policy, is a key policy tool for fostering competition. Canada's competition law is viewed by many as having been relatively ineffective at enhancing competition. The *Competition Act* was brought into force in 1986. Since that time, there have been some minor revisions to the legislation, but no substantial reforms. As a result, the legislation has not kept pace with changing economic realities brought about by digitization, nor with modern economic thinking. In November of last year, the federal government launched a public consultation as part of a promising initiative to update the *Act*.

In this presentation, Robin Shaban will outline key issues in current debates within competition law and present a vision for Canada's competition law based on the latest research on the impact of digitization on competition and the intersection of competition law and inclusive growth.

Robin Shaban is the co-founder of the Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project (CAMP), a think tank dedicated to addressing the issues caused by monopoly power in Canada. Robin is also the co-founder and senior economist at Vivic Research, an economic consulting firm dedicated to empowering social justice causes with data-driven research. Robin is a recipient of Globe and Mail's 2021 Report on Business Changemaker's Award. They hold an MA in economics from Queen's University, a BA (Hons) in economics from the University of Alberta. Robin is currently a PhD candidate at Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration undertaking work on the role of competition law in fostering productivity.