

“Major Trends in Global Enforcement of International Cartels”

Distinguished Lecture by Prof. John M. Connor

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How effective are cartels at raising prices and do cartel fines take into account such harm? Finding answers to this question and other related questions related to enforcement of competition law against cartels is not easy for competition authorities globally. Such cartel conspiracies and the related consumer harm raise the question of what can be done to improve competition law enforcement to deter cartelisation. Prof Connor will address these issues in the light of his erudite research and experience.

Penalties imposed by the competition authorities on cartels have increased globally. However, the number of cartels being discovered is also rising. Moreover, the severity of cartel penalties is lower than the rates of cartel overcharges. This, and other evidence, tends to suggest that penalties have been inadequate to deter cartel formation.

Prof. Connor specialises in empirical research in industrial economics and competition policy; since 1997 the focus of his research has been international price-fixing cartels and world-wide enforcement of price-fixing laws. He is the author 19 books and monographs and more than 600 other scholarly publications in economics and law.

Given the background, CUTS International (CUTS) and CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) are organising this distinguished lecture.

17:30 – 18:00	Registration
18:00 – 18:10	Opening Remarks: Pradeep S Mehta , Secretary General, CUTS International
18:10 – 19:00	Lecture by Prof John M. Connor , Professor Emeritus, Purdue University & Senior Fellow, American Antitrust Institute
19:00 – 19:10	Distinguished Discussant Amitabh Kumar , Partner, J Sagar Associates & Former Director General, Competition Commission of India
19:10 – 19:30	Q&A and Closing
