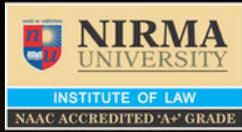


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# CONFERENCE DETAILS

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THEMES



## THEME 1:

### Reassessing Price Parity Clauses: Interactions with Discounting Practices, Regulatory Divergence, and the Evolving Framework of Vertical Restraints.

#### SUB-THEMES:

- a) Deep Discounting and Price Parity Clauses: How aggressive discounts combined with parity obligations enforce market-wide pricing uniformity.
- b) Economic and Legal Justifications: The rationale for vertical restraints with special emphasis on price parity clauses and RPM alongside their compliance with legal and commercial principles.
- c) Parity Clauses under EU's Vertical Block Exemption Regulation: How wide MFNs are excluded and narrow MFNs may qualify for exemption, offering guidance for India.
- d) Regulatory Fragmentation in Global Approaches to Parity Clauses and RPM: How different jurisdictions treat parity clauses and RPM, creating enforcement and compliance challenges.

## THEME 2:

### **Duopoly Dominance: Rethinking India's Antitrust Framework**

#### **SUB-THEMES:**

1. Duopoly Power and the Limits of India's Abuse of Dominance Regime: Whether India's single-firm dominance framework adequately captures competitive harm arising from duopolistic market structures.
2. Network Effects, Data Advantages, and Entry Barriers in Duopolistic Digital Markets: The role of network effects, data accumulation, and economies of scale in reinforcing duopoly dominance, and the implications of these structural advantages for market contestability.
3. Duopoly Dominance and Enforcement Constraints in Indian Competition Law: Whether the statutory design of abuse of dominance provisions and prevailing standards of proof adequately enable the CCI to investigate and establish competitive harm in duopolistic markets.
4. Algorithmic Governance and Competitive Harm in Duopoly Settings: Examining the role of pricing algorithms, ranking mechanisms, and recommendation systems in facilitating exclusionary outcomes and soft coordination between dominant duopolistic firms.