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Evening Meeting at Watson Farley & Williams: Tuesday 8 October, 2019 at 6.00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Tuesday 8 October** at **Watson Farley & Williams**, 15 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HB. Registration for the event will start at 6pm followed by the talk and opportunity for discussion at 6:15pm.

Professor Suzanne Rab and **Matt Allison** have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

“Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms and Antitrust: The end of competition as we know it - or business as usual?”

Over the past two decades, artificial intelligence or “AI” has been reshaping virtually every industry, through the idea that machines could be used to simulate human intelligence through “machine learning”. This event will explore the implications of AI and algorithms for competition law and policy.

Among the questions for debate:

1. Does AI widen the set of circumstances in which known forms of anticompetitive conduct occur?
2. Does use of algorithms bring newer forms of anticompetitive conduct which challenge traditional antitrust orthodoxy?
3. What are the implications for policy?

Prof. Suzanne Rab is a barrister at Serle Court Chambers and Professor of Commercial law and practice chair at Brunel University London. Suzanne has wide experience of EU law and competition law matters combining cartel regulation, commercial practices, IP exploitation, merger control, public procurement and State aid. Suzanne’s practice has a particular focus on the interface between competition law and economic regulation. She advises governments, regulators and businesses across the regulated sectors including in the communications, energy, financial services, healthcare/ pharmaceuticals, TMT and water sectors. Suzanne has addressed numerous events internationally on the impact of AI in a range of sectors including financial services, telecoms, healthcare and education.

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Matt Allison is a Senior Public Policy Manager at Vodafone Group, covering Data, Platforms and Artificial Intelligence. Matt has seven years' experience working across industry, consultancy and NGOs at the cutting edge of tech public policy. At Vodafone Matt is responsible for developing policy and regulatory strategies for privacy, AI and platforms, influencing new regulation and creating alignment between Vodafone's local market activities. Before joining Vodafone, Matt was a Manager in the International Public Policy team at Access Partnership, a leading government affairs consultancy in the technology sector, as well as working in the NGO sector, focused on the development of Internet safety policy.

The session will be followed by drinks and canapés. There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge for non-members: £50, or £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers).

Online registration will close on Monday 7 October. Tickets will not be issued for this event.

With kind regards

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Secretary

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