Despite being relatively new to Hong Kong and some parts of Asia, competition law has become an international phenomenon with increasing importance in today’s globalised world. The purpose of this webinar is to provide an introduction to the general principles of competition law and a brief overview of some of the major competition regimes at the domestic level. The challenges of applying competition law to cross-border anti-competitive practices will be highlighted.

Topics planned include:

1. The basics of competition law;
2. Overview of major competition regimes: China, EU, and US;
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Private enforcement of competition law is increasingly important. This is demonstrated by the growing number of claims for damages and/or other remedies arising from national and international cartels and other anti-competitive practices.

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