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**Unfair Business Practices of
E-Commerce Platforms and the
need for Ex-Ante Regulation for
Digital Markets in India**

4th and 6th December, 2021

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Keynote Speaker



Dr. Sudhir Krishnaswamy is the Vice-Chancellor of NLSIU, Bengaluru and the Director of the Distance Education Department, NLSIU. He is also the co-founder and trustee of the not for profit research trust, Centre for Law and Policy Research. Previously, he was the Director of the School of Policy and Governance, and Professor of Law and Politics at Azim Premji University.

A Rhodes Scholar and graduate of Oxford University, he has earlier worked with the Prime Minister's Committee on Infrastructure, Planning Commission; and the Kasturi Rangan Expert Committee on Bangalore Governance. His main areas of interest are constitutional law, Legal System Reform, legal theory, intellectual property law and administrative law. He has also written on a wide range of topics, including Indian constitutional law, intellectual property law, and judicial corruption.

Sudhir is also part of Facebook's oversight board that was set up to moderate content posted on social media platforms. He is the only Indian among the 20 members of the board that comprises independent Members from around the world. The board has the power to make decisions on content that can be allowed or removed from Facebook and Instagram.

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Speakers



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Mr. Chanakya Basa is a lawyer specialised in civil and commercial litigation. Early in his career he had an opportunity to represent clients in the area of competition law involving complex issues like market definition in e-commerce, network effects, dominance in digital market, horizontal and vertical restraints in platform economy etc.

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Shilpi has presented her work in leading fora such as the Stanford International Junior Faculty Forum and the Yale Doctoral Scholarship Conference. She has also published her work in various Scopus indexed journals. Shilpi's research interests are primarily in the areas of competition law and law and economics.

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Mr. Arjun Krishnan is a senior disputes lawyer with 14 years' experience and leads the disputes practice in New Delhi for the firm. He has significant experience in both domestic and international commercial arbitration, and acts in a broad spectrum of commercial disputes in courts.

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Final Agenda: 4th December 2021

Panel 1: Different stakeholders: Different voices

Time	Content
10:00-10:10 am	Welcome Remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Pritam Baruah
10:10-10:35 am	Keynote Address and Centre Inauguration by Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy
10:35 -10:40 am	Introduction to the Centre, Dr. Vikas Kathuria
10:40 am -12:00 pm	Panel 1 discussion, moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Pritam Baruah

Final Agenda: 6th December 2021

Panel 2: International experience and the question of enforcement in India: Challenges and the way forward

Time	Content
3:10-3:15 pm	Welcome Remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Pritam Baruah
3:15-4:35 pm	Panel 2 discussion, moderated by Dr. Vikas Kathuria

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