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Important Announcements

The GTIPA welcomes the Start-Up Nation Policy Institute (SNPI) and +Liberdade as its newest members! SNPI is a Tel Aviv-based non-profit independent think tank, specializing in advancing Israeli innovation policy and practice. SNPI is the go-to destination for insights and in-depth analyses of the Israeli high-tech sector and innovation ecosystem. +Liberdade is a Lisbon-based, independent, free, and non-partisan organization, which defends the causes of free trade and competitiveness to promote an innovative society based on sustainability. The GTIPA looks forward to collaborating with SNPI and +Liberdade.

The GTIPA will host its annual summit in Berlin on Thursday, September 14 at the offices of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Think tanks from all over the world will join to discuss policy challenges and opportunities related to innovation and trade. We welcome you to join us in Berlin, public registration will open shortly.

Latest GTIPA Publications

Trade and International Relations

GTIPA members covered several trade opportunities, challenges, and actions addressing dependencies globally. An IPAG paper argues that the G7 should work with the G20 to reform and invest in international governance and inspire national policies. A C.D. Howe Institute report explored
the various supply chain shorings’ economic, geopolitical, and industrial implications.

In North America, ITIF suggests Congress enact sensible digital trade laws and regulations to support U.S. strategic and economic interests. The Hinrich Foundation argued that Biden’s decision to restrict the export of advanced chips would hinder U.S. innovation and lead to significant revenue losses. The Hinrich Foundation also assessed the impact of Anthony Blinken’s recent China visit on U.S.-China relations.

As for Europe, the German Economic Institute described the EU’s “Single Market Emergency Instrument” proposal to manage its international trade dependencies. The Bay Area Council Economic Institute highlighted prospective collaboration areas for the EU-U.S. Trade and Technology Council and set up possible cooperation scenarios.

China, India, and South Korea garnered attention from GTIPA members as well. A Hinrich Foundation report analyzes the industry focus, economic impact, and locations of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative. CUTS International proposed ideas on how to boost trade in India by reinforcing intellectual property utility, promoting exports, and negotiating free trade agreements. The Bay Area Council Economic Institute examined the growing economic ties between India and the Silicon Bay Area assessing a broad range of technology opportunities. The Innovative Economy Forum analyzed the role of international relations in securing critical mineral supply chains suggesting collaboration and a joint R&D center in Korea. The Innovative Economy Forum also highlighted that Korea’s participation in the Hiroshima G7 Summit proves Korea’s international relevance and growth potential.

Domestic Competitiveness Policies

GTIPA members proposed domestic policies to boost competitiveness, and they also criticized policies that may hinder growth. In terms of antitrust, the Macdonald-Laurier Institute warned that Canada must guard against overreaction in reforming its competition law to remain focused on the consumer welfare standard. The C.D. Howe Institute suggested not overregulating Big Tech platform companies in Canada until there is credible evidence of market failure. The Macdonald-Laurier Institute criticized the Online News Act in Canada arguing that the legislation aims to block creative destruction irrationally.

Improving productivity is another key objective that GTIPA members supported. The German Economic Institute found that weak public investment activity in Germany has contributed to low productivity growth in recent decades. The Austrian Economics Center suggested developing institutions and policies in the U.S. that stabilize demand while unleashing supply to achieve productivity growth. ICRIER advocated for
policies that boost manufacturing competitiveness in India, such as strengthening innovation-driven sub-sectors and attracting foreign capital. CUTS International advocated for policies and regulations in India that support educational activities to prepare the workforce for the future of jobs.

GTIPA members also suggested strengthening intellectual property protections. The Geneva Network proposed two intellectual property reforms for Brazil to become the Latin American life-sciences leader. ITIF exhorts the U.S. government to defend its robust global IP regime to support American jobs and spur U.S. competitiveness.

Sustainable and Emerging Technologies

Lastly, GTIPA members raised awareness for climate change and sustainability challenges. Competere cautioned against the misinformation about palm oils and called for related regulations and laws prohibiting deforestation. IPAG highlighted that responses from governments and international agencies have been inadequate to address climate displacement in South Asia. Competere argued for a scientific approach to protecting the environment instead of unrealistic and counterproductive ideological goals.

In terms of emerging technologies, ICRIER analyzed AI applications in educational platforms to provide guidance for India’s publicly funded educational platform. The Austrian Economics Center expressed that the establishment of Bitcoin as a legal tender in El Salvador was unsuccessful due to its unpredictability.

Recent and Upcoming GTIPA Events

Recent

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
How to Restore Robust Productivity Growth in Advanced Economies
May 24
12:00 PM ET
View webinar
Center for Social and Economic Research
Involving V4 actors in EU development cooperation: prospects, opportunities, and challenges
May 25
4:00 AM ET
Read more

Macdonald-Laurier Institute
G7 Hiroshima Summit and Beyond
May 26
10:00 AM ET
Read more

C.D. Howe Institute
An Evidence-Informed Path to Better Health
May 31
12:00 PM ET
Read more

Competere
FoP Nutrition Labelling in Spain and EU: Which path to follow?
June 2
4:00 AM ET
View webinar

I-Com
EU Data Strategy. A multifaceted perspective from Southern European countries
June 7
12:30 PM ET
Read more

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
How Can the Global South Benefit From AI Innovation?
June 21
10:00 AM ET
View webinar
Upcoming

**C.D. Howe Institute**
Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
June 27
12:00 PM ET
[Register]

**Geneva Network and Paramadina Public Policy Institute**
Searching New Sources of Growth: Economic Innovation and Patent Law Revision
July 5
10:00 PM ET
[Register]

**Information Technology and Innovation Foundation**
AR/VR Policy Conference 2023
September 14
Exact time TBA
[Register]