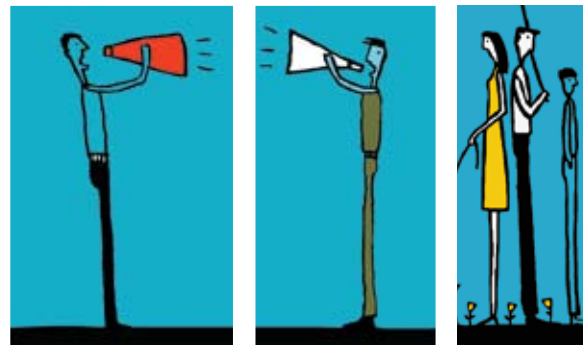


The Governance of Global Competition

Competence Allocation in International Competition Policy



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