Research on the anticompetitive effects of parallel holdings has been at the center of the wider political debate in the US. No action by US antitrust enforcers has followed such debate, while in Europe the EU Commission has analyzed the potential anticompetitive effects of parallel holdings in at least two recent decisions. This presentation analyses the problem of parallel holdings from a comparative perspective, sketching the differences that exist between the US and the European financial and corporate environments – also with a glance to the Asian perspective.

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