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The workshop, “Competition Law and Policy in Developing Countries,” which we jointly convened on 4 May 2015, brought together a multidisciplinary group of antitrust/competition law and policy scholars and practitioners from (to the best of our ability to count) at least nine countries and at least six disciplines in a genuinely interdisciplinary discussion of papers exploring “success and limits” and seeking to explain variations in the trajectory of competition law and policy in developing countries. The workshop was made possible by generous funding from the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University and the George C. Lamb, Jr. Fellowship Fund. Eleanor Fox, who could not attend the workshop due to scheduling conflicts, presented a first version of some of the core ideas in her paper in a presentation at Duke Law School, with additional support from Center for Comparative and International Law. We are grateful to all of these institutions for providing critical support in launching this symposium.

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