Welcome and Reading for Class #1

Hi Everyone,  
  
Happy New Year and welcome to Antitrust and Digital Platforms!  I'm looking forward to teaching the class and getting to know all of you. Here are a few preliminary notes plus the initial readings for our first class on Monday, January 8.   
   
Office Hours.  My office hours during the course will be by Zoom on **Thursdays (starting January 11) from 12-1:30**. Once I set them up (which I will do soon), you will be able to sign up for 15-minute slots using the calendar function at left on the bCourse site.    
   
Additional Background Resources.  You will see that I sometimes list a few "Additional Background Resources" below the reading assignments for each class. **The Additional Background Resources materials are completely optional**. I won't be covering them during class, and don't expect you to be familiar with them. They will not be the subject of exam questions. I include them because you might find them interesting and helpful if you want to learn more about the topic.   
  
Reading Assignments for Class #1.  Below is the reading - and listening - for our first class. All of the resources below are hyperlinked. (In the future, if you ever see a resource that isn’t linked, you will find it under the "Files" tab on the bCourse site.)

*Listening:*

* NPR Planet Money, Antitrust 3: *“*[Big Tech](https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2019/02/22/697170790/antitrust-3-big-tech)*”*(Feb. 22, 2019) (also available on various podcast apps) – 23 mins.

*Reading:*

* Daniel Francis and Christopher Jon Sprigman, [Antitrust: Principles, Cases, and Materials](https://antitrustcasebook.org/download) (2023):
  + Chapter I(C), Antitrust Law in a Nutshell (pp. 7-12)
  + Chapter I(F), What is Competition? (read only pp. 27-28)
* Lina Khan, [The New Brandeis Movement: America’s Antimonopoly Debate](https://academic.oup.com/jeclap/article/9/3/131/4915966)*,*Journal of European Competition Law & Practice, Volume 9, Issue 3, March 2018, pp. 131–132

*Additional Background Resources:*

* NPR Planet Money, Antitrust 1: *“*[Standard Oil](https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2019/02/15/695131832/antitrust-1-standard-oil)*”*(Feb. 20, 2019) – 23 mins., and Antitrust 2:*“*[The Paradox](https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2019/02/20/696342011/antitrust-2-the-paradox)*”*(Feb. 21, 2019) – 19 mins.
* Laura Phillips Sawyer, [US Antitrust Law and Policy in Historical Perspective](https://www.hbs.edu/faculty/Publication%20Files/19-110_e21447ad-d98a-451f-8ef0-ba42209018e6.pdf)*,*Harvard Business School Working Paper (2019)
* If you feel rusty or uncertain about the basics of antitrust economics, I recommend watching the following short videos from the Thurman Arnold Antitrust Project @Yale:
  + [The Economics of Antitrust](https://vimeo.com/664286130/7dd922c1b5) (9 minutes)
  + [Monopoly](https://vimeo.com/736575071/c95d65bfda) (8 minutes)