Ninth Annual Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy

Call for Papers

Friday, September 16, 2016—Saturday, September 17, 2016

Submission Deadline: May 9, 2016

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Ninth Annual Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. This year’s conference will run from approximately 9:00 AM on Friday, September 16, 2016 to 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The conference is co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Industrial Organization at Northwestern University.

The goal of this conference is to provide a forum where leading scholars from across the country can gather together with Northwestern’s own distinguished faculty to present and discuss high quality research relevant to antitrust economics and competition policy. Both theoretical and empirical submissions are welcome. Papers in industrial organization or applied microeconomic theory that address issues relevant to antitrust policy are welcome even if they do not directly focus on particular antitrust policy issues or institutions. While papers on all topics are welcome, we especially encourage submissions related to the following topic areas:

- data markets and internet search markets
- privacy, data security, and competition policy
- net neutrality and competition policy
- the EC Digital Single Market initiative
- patents, patent assertion entities and standard setting organizations
- vertical contracting and vertical integration
- antitrust policy in markets where terms are set by bilateral negotiation

We hope to involve leading thinkers from the government, non-profit, and private sector, as well as leading academics from economics departments, business schools, law schools and public policy schools. While most of the conference will be devoted to presentation and discussion of original academic research, we also expect to schedule a small number of panels on important current topics or policy issues.
If you have questions about the appropriateness of your topic for the conference, or suggestions for panel subjects, please contact Professor William Rogerson, Professor of Economics and Searle Center Research Director on Competition, Antitrust and Regulation at wrogerson@northwestern.edu.

Paper authors will receive an honorarium of $1,000.00 to cover transportation expenses; if more than one author presents at the symposium, the honorarium will be divided equally between the presenters. The Searle Center will also make hotel reservations and pay for rooms for Thursday, September 15th and Friday, September 16th, 2016. Paper authors, including government employees and non-US residents may elect to be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses up to the honorarium amount.

The conference will also include a dinner reception and Keynote Dinner Address (speaker TBA) on Friday evening.

Papers prepared for the Ninth Annual Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy will be permanently hosted on the Searle Center website as part of our Working Papers Series: www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter.

Authors will be free to publish their work in other venues (with appropriate acknowledgement of the Searle Center).

**RESEARCH PROPOSALS: SUBMISSION, REVIEW PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE**

Research Proposals should include an abstract (300 words maximum) and c.v.

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Research Proposals should be submitted to searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu by May 9, 2016.

**Notification Deadline:** Research Proposals will be reviewed by a committee. Authors will be notified of the committee’s decisions on or around June 27, 2016.

**Discussion Draft Deadline:** Authors should plan to submit a paper suitable for distribution to discussants and other conference participants no later than September 1, 2016.

Potential Discussants or panel members should send a message indicating their interest to searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu.

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