Eleventh Annual Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy

Call for Papers

Friday, September 21, 2018—Saturday, September 22, 2018

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2018

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 Eleventh 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 21, 2018 to 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

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 world 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:

- innovation and competition policy
- data markets, internet search markets and competition policy
- privacy, data security, and competition policy
- vertical contracting, vertical integration and competition policy
- the effectiveness of behavioral remedies
- antitrust policy in markets where terms are set by bilateral negotiation
- EU platform regulation

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.

The Searle Center will make hotel reservations and pay for hotel lodging for Thursday, September 20th and Friday, September 21st, 2018 and will also reimburse paper presenters for additional travel expenses (flights, taxis) up to $750.00.

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

Papers prepared for the Eleventh 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 1, 2018.

**Notification Deadline:** Research Proposals will be reviewed by a committee. Authors will be notified of the committee’s decisions on or around June 1, 2018.

**Discussion Draft Deadline:** Authors should plan to submit a paper suitable for distribution to discussants and other conference participants no later than September 5, 2018.

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

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