

CALL FOR PAPERS

**Northwestern Pritzker School of Law—
Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth**

Eleventh Annual Conference on Innovation Economics

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Thursday, June 21, 2018 — Friday, June 22, 2018

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Eleventh Annual Conference on Innovation Economics. The conference will be held at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago, IL. The conference will run from approximately 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 21, 2018 to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, June 22, 2018.

The USPTO intends to co-sponsor this conference in conjunction with the Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth.

The conference is organized by Daniel F. Spulber. The papers for this conference will be selected by a scientific committee.

The goal of this conference is to provide a forum where economists and legal scholars can gather together with Northwestern's own distinguished faculty to present and discuss high-quality research relevant to intellectual property (IP), technology standards, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

For information on previous conferences please see:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/faculty/programs/searlecenter/events/innovation/>.

The conference welcomes both empirical and theoretical economic and legal analysis. This interdisciplinary conference will be composed of presentations by researchers in economics and law, and there will be discussants for the papers. In addition, the conference will draw audiences of academics in economics, law, and business, as well as legal and business practitioners, government officials, and public policy makers.

Topics of interest include:

- Antitrust and Intellectual Property (IP)
- Technology Standards
- Standard Setting Organizations
- Standard Essential Patents
- Innovation and Economic Growth
- Patent Licensing and technology transfers
- Incentives for Invention and R&D
- Incentives for Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Financing invention and innovation
- Venture capital
- International innovation
- Intellectual Property (IP) rights and public policy

Please note the following:

- Complete papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address: searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu.
- Abstracts, incomplete papers, or proposals will not be accepted. The papers should not be either published or forthcoming.
- The submitting author should be the one who intends to present the paper here in Chicago.
- Authors of each accepted paper will receive an allotted speaker fee of \$1,500 per paper, regardless of the number of authors. If more than one author attends the conference, the honorarium or travel reimbursement can be divided equally between the attending authors.
- Due to potential funding sources for this event, the Searle Center reserves the right to structure the payment as either a speaker fee or a travel expense reimbursement up to the agreed upon amount.
- The Searle Center will also reserve and pay for hotel accommodations for attending authors and discussants for the nights of Wednesday, June 20, 2018 and Thursday, June 21, 2018. Authors are expected to attend and participate in the full duration of the conference.

REVIEW PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE

Conference Papers Submission Deadline: Papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address: searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu by **February 5, 2018**.

Notification Deadline: Authors will be notified of decisions on or around **March 21, 2018**.

Papers prepared for the conference will be permanently hosted on the Searle Center website – www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter.

Independent of the conference, the *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy* (JEMS) continues to publish high-quality work in the area of innovation economics. JEMS welcomes both empirical and theoretical contributions. Submissions to JEMS are subject to the standard peer-review process. To submit a manuscript to JEMS, visit ScholarOne at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jems>. To learn more, visit the journal website: <http://editjems.org>. If you have any questions about JEMS, contact the journal editorial assistant by e-mail: Elterman, Karen kelterman@hbs.edu

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