

CALL FOR PAPERS

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

Eighth Annual Conference on Internet Commerce and Innovation

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Thursday, June 8, 2017 — Friday, June 9, 2017

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Eighth Annual Conference on Internet Commerce and Innovation. The conference will be held at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago, IL. The conference will run from approximately 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 to 2:45 P.M. on Friday, June 9, 2017. There will be a dinner reception and keynote address on Thursday night.

The conference is organized by Professor Daniel F. Spulber, Northwestern University. The papers for this conference will be selected by a scientific committee that includes Research associates, Justus Baron and Pere Arqué-Castells.

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 Internet commerce and innovation. The conference will cover academic work on Internet commerce and innovation, and the discussion will examine related public policy issues in antitrust, regulation, and intellectual property.

Topics include:

- E-commerce
- Market design and platform competition
- The Internet, innovation, and intellectual property (IP)
- Antitrust in two-sided markets
- The Sharing Economy
- Software and business method inventions
- R&D and innovation in high-tech
- Entrepreneurship and e-commerce
- Social networks

- Privacy issues in e-commerce
- Data portability
- Cloud computing
- Internet search
- Joint work in economics and computer science on search algorithms

For information on previous conferences please see:

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

Papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address:

searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu.

Attendance for this conference is by invitation only. Potential attendees who are not submitting a paper should indicate their interest in receiving an invitation by sending a message to searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu.

The submitting author should be the one who intends to present the paper here in Chicago. Authors will receive a speaker fee of \$1,000 per paper. The speaker fee is intended to cover reasonable transportation expenses. Government employees and non-US residents may instead be reimbursed for travel expenses up to the honorarium amount. Authors are expected to attend and participate in the full duration of the conference. If more than one author attends the conference, the honorarium or travel reimbursement can be divided equally between the attending authors. The Searle Center also will reserve and pay for hotel accommodations for authors and discussants for the nights of Thursday, June 8, 2017 and, if needed Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

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 1, 2017**.

Notification Deadline: Authors will be notified of decisions on or around **March 15, 2017**.

Please note that papers that are presented at the conference will be permanently hosted on the Searle Center website – www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter.

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth at Northwestern University School of Law was established in 2006 to research how government regulation and interpretation of laws and regulations by the courts affect business and economic growth. Information on the Searle Center's activities may be found at: www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter.