

CALL FOR EMPIRICAL RESEARCHERS

Third Annual Research Roundtable on Innovation Economics:

Patents and Technology Standards: The Data Sets

Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth

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The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for proposals for young scholars to attend the invitation only **Third Annual Research Roundtable on Innovation Economics: Patents and Technology Standards Data Sets**. The conference will be held at the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, IL. The conference will run from approximately 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 9 2015 to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10, 2015.

The roundtable is organized by Daniel F. Spulber and Stuart Graham.

The conference introduces major new data sets from the USPTO, the Census Bureau, Berkeley Engineering, the Searle Center Innovation Economics Project, and others. A goal of the conference is to encourage young empirical researchers in economics and in law to apply some of these data sets in their work.

Some of the papers will appear in a special issue of the *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*.

Confirmed roundtable presenters include:

- **John Allison**, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin
- **Pere Arqué-Castells**, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth, Northwestern University School of Law
- **Benjamin Balsmeier**, KU Leuven, Faculty of Economics and Business
- **Talia Bar**, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut
- **Justus Baron**, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth, Northwestern University School of Law
- **Kyriakos Drivas**, Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Development, Agricultural University Of Athens
- **Claire Economidou**, Department of Economics, University of Piraeus

- **Lee Fleming**, University of California, Berkeley
- **Stuart J. Graham**, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Kirti Gupta**, Qualcomm Incorporated
- **Alan C. Marco**, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- **Yann Ménière**, Cerna - MINES ParisTech
- **Richard Miller**, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- **Javier Miranda**, U.S. Census Bureau
- **Amanda F. Myers**, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- **Lisa Larrimore Oullette**, Stanford Law School
- **Tim Pohlmann**, Mines ParisTech and Technische Universität Berlin
- **Max Schanzenbach**, Northwestern University School of Law
- **Mark Snyder**, Qualcomm Inc.
- **Matthew L. Spitzer**, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth
- **Daniel F. Spulber**, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
- **Tony W. Tong**, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado
- **Nicolas van Zeebroeck**, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- **Arvids Ziedonis**, Department of Management Science and Engineering, School of Engineering, Stanford University

The roundtable will feature a series of presentations that will focus on the cutting-edge databases that are currently being created in this area. The roundtable 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) protection, innovation, and technology standards.

Attendance for this roundtable is by invitation only. A limited number of invitations will be issued to academics and PhD candidates who are starting work in this area of empirical research. Those who are interested in receiving an invitation to the roundtable should submit a brief proposal consisting of a bio and a short abstract of your research interest in this area. This should be in the text of an email and sent to the Searle Center at searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu.

Invited attendees will receive a participant fee of \$1,000.00 and must plan to attend and interact for the full duration of the roundtable. If preferred, the Searle Center can instead reimburse confirmed participants for reasonable travel expenses up to \$1,000.00. The Searle Center will also reserve and pay for hotel accommodations for authors and discussants for the night of Thursday, April 9, 2015. For those individuals who are travelling from the West Coast or from overseas, we will also cover hotel accommodations for the night of Wednesday, April 8, 2015 as well.

Submission Deadline: Applications to attend the roundtable should be submitted to searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu no later than **February 1, 2015**. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until that date.

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.