

Seventh Annual Searle Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy

(External—Call for Papers)

Friday, September 19, 2014—Saturday, September 20, 2014

Submission Deadline: May 9, 2014

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Seventh Annual Conference on *Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy* at Northwestern University School of Law. This year's conference will run from approximately 9:00 AM on Friday, September 19, 2014 to 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 20, 2014. 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:

- patents, patent assertion entities and competition policy
- net neutrality and competition policy
- vertical contracting and vertical integration
- health care and competition policy
- privacy and competition policy

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](mailto:wrogerson@northwestern.edu), 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. Government employees and non-US residents may be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses up to the honorarium amount. Authors and discussants are expected to attend

and participate for the full duration of the symposium. The Searle Center will also make hotel reservations and pay for rooms for Thursday, September 18th and Friday, September 19th, 2014.

The conference will also include a dinner reception and Keynote Dinner Address (speaker TBA) on Friday evening, presenters should plan to attend.

Papers prepared for the Seventh 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, 2014**.

Notification Deadline: Research Proposals will be reviewed by a committee. Authors will be notified of the committee's decisions by **June 13, 2014**.

Discussion Draft Deadline: Authors should plan to submit a paper suitable for distribution to discussants and other conference participants no later than **September 10, 2014**.

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

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.