

CALL FOR PAPERS

Sixth Annual Conference on Internet Search and Innovation

Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth

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Thursday, June 4, 2015 — Friday, June 5, 2015

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Sixth Annual Conference on Internet Search and Innovation. 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, June 4, 2015 to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, June 5, 2015. There will be a dinner reception and keynote address on Thursday night.

The conference is organized by Professor Daniel F. Spulber, Northwestern University.

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

Topics include:

- Internet search and antitrust
- Market design, platforms, and e-commerce
- The Internet, innovation, and intellectual property (IP)
- Competition in two-sided markets
- Software and business method inventions
- R&D and innovation in high-tech
- Open standards and entrepreneurship
- Online content and websites
- Social networks
- Privacy issues in Internet search and marketing
- Data portability
- Cloud computing
- Joint work in economics and computer science on search algorithms and other topics related to Internet search

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.

Authors will receive speaker fee of \$1,500 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 will also reserve and pay for hotel accommodations for authors and discussants for the nights of Wednesday, June 3, 2015 and Thursday, June 4, 2015.

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Conference Papers Submission Deadline: Papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address: searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu by **February 2, 2015**.

Notification Deadline: Authors will be notified of decisions by **March 6, 2015**.

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.