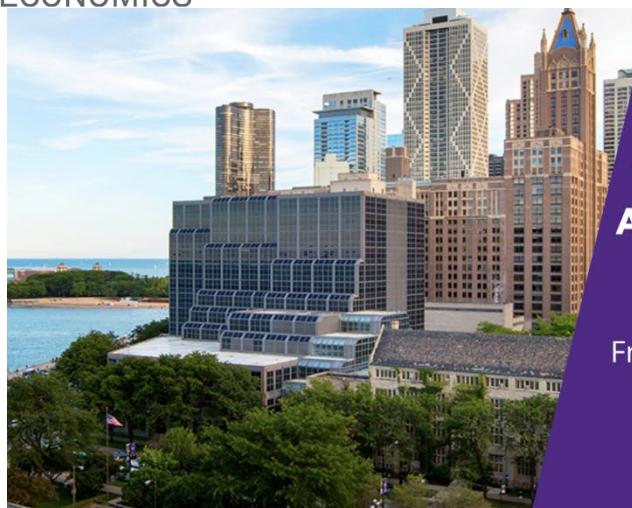


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Friday, September 18th

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| 7:15-8:15 | Registration and Breakfast (Thorne Auditorium Lobby) |
| 8:15-8:30 | <p>Welcome and Introduction (Thorne Auditorium)</p> <p>William P. Rogerson, Department of Economics, Northwestern University</p> <p>Mark Israel, Econic Partners</p> |
| 8:30-9:30 | <p><i>Liability and Remedy in the Google Search Case</i></p> <p>Carl Shapiro, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley</p> <p>Discussant: Michael Whinston, MIT Department of Economics and School of Management</p> |
| 9:30-10:00 | Break |

10:00-11:00	<i>Third-Party Pricing Algorithms and Information Sharing</i> (with Stepan Aleksenko) Jeanine Miklos-Thal, Simon Business School, University of Rochester Discussant: Justin Johnson, Cornell University, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management
11:00-11:30	Break (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)
11:30-12:30	<i>Do Information Sharing Platforms Facilitate Coordination? Evidence from a Collapsed Cartel</i> (with Robert Clark) Jean-Francois Houde, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison Discussant: Dennis Carlton, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
12:30-2:00	Lunch (Lanny & Sharon Martin Atrium) Keynote Address: <i>Collusion Without the Smoke-Filled Room</i> Joseph Harrington, Dept of Business Economics & Public Policy, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
2:00-3:00	<i>A Large-Scale Evaluation of Merger Simulations</i> (with Gason Illanes, Avner A. Kreps, Jose D. Salas, and David Stillerman) Vivek Bhattacharya, Department of Economics, Northwestern University Discussant: Nathan Miller, Department of Economics, Georgetown University
3:00- 3:30	Break (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)
3:30-4:30	<i>Mergers with Intermediation: The Price Effect of Distant Hospital Mergers</i> (with David Dranove and Sungjin Kim) Benjamin Vatter, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Discussant: Robin Lee, Department of Economics, Harvard University
4:30-5:00	Break (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)

- 5:00-6:30 **Panel on “The Draft EU Merger Guidelines”**
- Moderator: **Aviv Nevo**, Department of Business Economics & Public Policy, The Wharton School and Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
- Panelists: **Damien Neven**, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva
 Nancy L. Rose, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics
 Carl Shapiro, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley
 Emanuele Tarantino, Chief Competition Economist, DG Comp, EU
- 6:30-7:30 **Cocktail Reception** (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)
- 7:30 **Dinner** (Lanny & Sharon Martin Atrium)
- Keynote Address: *Trends in Average Market Power: Where Do We Stand?***
 Chad Syverson, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Saturday, September 19th

- 8:00-8:30 **Breakfast** (Lanny & Sharon Martin Atrium)
- 8:30-9:30 *Mergers, Innovation Efficiencies and the Investment Channel* (with Matias Pietola and Hans Zenger)
 Emanuele Tarantino, Chief Competition Economist, DG Comp, EU
- Discussant: **Volker Nocke**, University of Mannheim
- 9:30-10:00 **Break** (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)
- 10:00-11:00 *Quantifying Foreclosure: The Live Nation-Ticketmaster Merger* (with Kyle Wilson and Mo Xiao)
 Fernando Luco, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University
- Discussant: **Andrew Sweeting**, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, College Park
- 11:00-11:30 **Break** (Thorne Auditorium Lobby)
- 11:30-12:30 *Finding Nessie: Amazon’s Algorithmic Pricing in the Wild* (with Germán Gutiérrez)
 Javier Donna, Miami Herbert Business School, University of Miami

Discussant: **Alexander MacKay**, Department of Economics, University of Virginia

12:30

Adjourn (Box Lunches Available in Lanny & Sharon Martin Atrium)