

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **Ninth Annual Conference on Innovation Economics**

#### **Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth**

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**Thursday, June 23, 2016 — Friday, June 24, 2016**

The Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth is issuing a call for original research papers to be presented at the Ninth Annual Conference on Innovation Economics. The conference will be held at the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, IL. The conference will run from approximately 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 23, 2016 to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, June 24, 2016.

The conference is organized by Daniel F. Spulber. The papers for this conference will be selected by a scientific committee that includes 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 intellectual property (IP) protection, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

For information on previous conferences please see:

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

This conference is an important component of the Searle Center's expanded entrepreneurship and innovation focus. Conference participants will explore the connections between IP, innovation, and entrepreneurship through empirical and theoretical economic and legal analysis. This interdisciplinary conference will be composed of presentations by leading researchers in economics and law, and participating authors will have their papers formally discussed by leading thinkers in the field. In addition, the conference will draw audiences of academics in economics, law, and business, as well as legal and business practitioners, government officials, and public policy makers.

**Topics of interest include:**

- Technology Standards and incentives to innovate
- Standards Organizations (SSOs and SDOs)
- Technology Standards and economic efficiency
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Patent Licensing and technology transfers
- Incentives for Invention and R&D
- Incentives for Innovation
- The role of IP in vertical specialization and market entry
- IP and the market for inventions
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Financing invention and innovation
- Venture capital
- International innovation
- Intellectual Property (IP) rights and public policy
- Antitrust policy, industrial organization, and IP

Papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address: [searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu](mailto: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](mailto:searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu).

At least one author of each accepted paper is expected to attend the conference. Authors of each accepted paper will receive an allotted speaker fee of \$1,500 per paper, regardless of the number of authors. Please note that due to potential funding sources for this event, the Searle Center reserves the right to structure the payment as either a speaker fee or a travel expense reimbursement up to the agreed upon amount. The Searle Center will also reserve and pay for hotel accommodations for authors and discussants for the nights of Wednesday, June 22, 2016 and Thursday, June 23, 2016. Authors are expected to attend and participate in the full duration of the conference.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE**

Conference Papers Submission Deadline: Papers for the conference should be submitted to the following email address: [searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:searlecenter@law.northwestern.edu) by **February 8, 2016**.

Notification Deadline: Authors will be notified of decisions by **March 14, 2016**.

Papers prepared for the conference will be permanently hosted on the Searle Center website – [www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter).

Independent of the conference, the *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy* (JEMS) continues to publish high-quality work in the area of innovation economics. JEMS welcomes both empirical and theoretical contributions. Submissions to JEMS are subject to the standard peer-review process. To submit a manuscript to JEMS, visit ScholarOne at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jems>. To learn more, visit the journal website: <http://editjems.org>. If you have any questions about JEMS, contact the journal editorial assistant by e-mail: [sshumway@hbs.edu](mailto:sshumway@hbs.edu).

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