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## Sixth Annual Northwestern Empirical Conference on Standardization

Thursday, November 19 - Friday, November 20, 2026

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
Chicago, IL

### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### **Sixth Annual Northwestern Empirical Research Conference on Standardization** (Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics)

The Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics is issuing an open Call for Papers for the **Sixth Annual Empirical Research Conference on Standardization**, held at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago, IL, Thursday, November 19 – Friday, November 20, 2026.

The conference will feature presentations of empirical research on standardization in economics, management, law, and adjacent fields and panel discussions between standardization practitioners and policymakers. It is intended as a forum for exchange between standardization researchers and experts on policy issues, research avenues, and methodology.

For reference, please find the agendas and papers for previous iterations of this annual event [here](#).

While papers on all standards-related topics are welcome, we especially encourage submissions related to the following topic areas:

- *AI standardization*
- *Use of standards in regulations and laws*
- *Technology standards and technological innovation*
- *Technology standards and intellectual property rights*
- *Technology standards and international trade*
- *Economic benefits of standardization*
- *Governance of standards development organizations and processes*
- *Standardization policy (national, regional, international)*

In addition to paper presentations, we invite presentations of datasets or novel empirical methodologies that may be used in empirical research on standardization.

We strongly encourage academic speakers to cover their own travel and lodging expenses. We will have a very limited budget to cover travel and lodging for some participants. When submitting your proposal, please indicate whether you will require travel and lodging support to participate in this event. This response will not be taken into consideration during the review process.

Please submit a paper or extended abstract no later than close of business on **Monday, June 1, 2026.**

- While extended abstracts may be considered, a draft paper is strongly suggested.
- Please also indicate whether you might be interested in serving as a paper discussant.
- Please indicate whether you will require travel and lodging support to participate in this event.
- Please submit your proposals to [clbe@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:clbe@law.northwestern.edu).