

November 18-19, 2010

Washington, D.C

# Agenda

#### Thursday, November 18

8:30 a.m. **Registration** 

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Pauline Ippolito, Federal Trade Commission

9:15 a.m. **Keynote Address** 

Roman Inderst, Goethe University

9:45 a.m. Panel Session One: Disclosures and Informed Consumer Choice

Chaired by Tim Daniel, Federal Trade Commission

Phillip Leslie (Stanford University)
Jeffrey Blumberg (Tufts University)

10:45 a.m. **Morning Break** 

11:05 a.m. Paper Session One: Topics in Empirical IO

Chaired by Aviv Nevo, Northwestern University

Matthew Gentzkow (University of Chicago, Booth School of Business), *The Evolution of Brand Preferences: Evidence from Consumer Migration* 

Discussant: Matthew Weinberg (Bryn Mawr College)

Kate Ho (Columbia University), Physician Responses to Financial Incentives:

Evidence from Hospital Discharge Data

Discussant: Keith Brand (Federal Trade Commission)

Nathan Miller (Department of Justice), Competition Among Spatially Differentiated

Firms: An Empirical Model with an Application to Cement

Discussant: Allan Collard-Wexler (New York University)

12:35 p.m. **Lunch** 

1:10 p.m. **Keynote Address** 

David Laibson, Harvard University

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### 1:40 p.m. **Paper Session Two:** *Inattentive Consumers*

Chaired by David Laibson, Harvard University

Michael Grubb (Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Sloan School of Management), *Penalty Pricing: Optimal Price Posting Regulation with Inattentive Consumers* 

Discussant: Ginger Jin (University of Maryland)

Jonathan Zinman (Dartmouth College), *Limited and Varying Consumer Attention:* Evidence from Shocks to the Salience of Overdraft Fees

Discussant: Karen Pence (Federal Reserve Board)

Nicola Lacetera (University of Toronto), *Heuristic Thinking and Limited Attention in the Car Market* 

Discussant: Kory Kroft (Yale School of Management)

# 3:10 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

# 3:30 p.m. Paper Session Three: Consumer Choice in New Markets

Chaired by Fiona Scott Morton, Yale University School of Management

Dirk Bergemann (Yale University), *Targeting: Implications for Offline vs. Online Media Competition* 

Discussant: David Balan (Federal Trade Commission)

Steven Puller (Texas A&M University), Power to Choose: An Analysis of Consumer Behavior in the Texas Retail Electricity Market

Discussant: Tim Brennan (University of Maryland Baltimore County and Resources for the Future)

Eugenio Miravete (University of Texas at Austin), Sinking, Swimming or Learning to Swim in Medicare Part D

Discussant: Jack Hoadley (The Health Policy Institute, Georgetown University)

#### 5:00 p.m. **Close**

#### Friday, November 19

9:00 a.m. **Keynote Address** 

Fiona Scott Morton, Yale University School of Management

9:30 a.m. Paper Session Four: Theory of Industrial Organization

Chaired by Roman Inderst, Goethe University

Heski Bar-Isaac (New York University), Search, Design, and Market Structure Discussant: Justin Johnson (Cornell University)

Patrick DeGraba (Federal Communications Commission), *Naked Exclusion by a Dominant Supplier: Exclusive Contracting and Loyalty Discounts*Discussant: Lucy White (Harvard Business School)

Volker Nocke (University of Mannheim), *Merger Policy with Merger Choice*Discussant: Joe Farrell (Federal Trade Commission)

11:00 a.m. **Morning Break** 

11:20 a.m. **Keynote Address** 

Aviv Nevo, Northwestern University

11:50 p.m. **Panel Session Two:** *Merger Retrospectives* 

Chaired by Aviv Nevo, Northwestern University

Lanier Benkard, Yale University John Kwoka, Northeastern University

Christopher Taylor, Federal Trade Commission

12:50 p.m. Close