Call for Papers

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Economics will host a two-day conference to bring together scholars working in areas related to the FTC’s antitrust, consumer protection, and public policy missions. Those fields include industrial organization, quantitative marketing, information economics, health policy, and behavioral economics. Examples of potentially relevant topics include healthcare provider competition, vertical contracting, advertising, merger policy, innovation, privacy, intellectual property, nonlinear contracting, bargaining, collusion, e-commerce, demand estimation, pharmaceutical markets, appropriate statistical standards for inference, and consumer decision-making.

Interested participants should send an abstract or completed paper to BE-Micro@ftc.gov by July 2, 2018. However, please note that preference will be given to completed papers. We also welcome suggestions for panel discussions. Participants will be expected to include a financial disclosure statement meeting the AEA’s guidelines in their bios.

The scientific committee for the conference is:

- David Besanko (Northwestern University, Kellogg)
- Ali Hortaçsu (University of Chicago)
- Katja Seim (University of Pennsylvania, Wharton)

Organizers: Ted Rosenbaum (FTC) and Nathan Wilson (FTC)

The 11th Annual FTC Microeconomics Conference will be held November 1-2, 2018, at the Constitution Center Plaza Level Conference Center, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.