Call for Papers

The Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Economics and the Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale University will host the 14th Annual FTC Microeconomics Conference on November 4 and 5, 2021, in Washington, D.C. This event will bring together scholars working in areas related to the FTC’s antitrust, consumer protection, and public policy missions.

We welcome submissions from related fields including industrial organization, information economics, health policy, behavioral economics, quantitative marketing, and other areas of applied microeconomics. We especially would like to encourage submission of papers on topics of Commission interest such as vertical integration, potential competition mergers, and information in online markets. More broadly, past conferences have featured topics such as advertising, collusion, consumer decision-making, demand estimation, innovation, intellectual property, merger policy, privacy and data security, and vertical contracting.

Interested participants should submit an abstract or completed paper by June 23, 2021 to BE-Micro@ftc.gov. Please note preference will be given to completed papers. We also welcome suggestions for panel discussions. You should receive an email confirming receipt of your submission. If you do not, it means that we have not received it. Accepted participants should expect to provide a financial disclosure statement meeting the AEA’s guidelines to be included in their conference bios.

We are continually monitoring the coronavirus situation as it pertains to our conference. If circumstances are such that an in-person conference would not be wise or feasible, we are making contingency plans to have an online event.

Scientific committee:
- Alessandro Bonatti (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- Judith A. Chevalier (Yale School of Management)
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Organizers: Yan Lau (FTC) and Tom Koch (FTC)

This conference will be held at the Constitution Center Plaza Level Conference Center, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. For more information and past conference agendas, please visit www.ftc.gov/microeconomics.

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