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## Invite and Call for Papers

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### Economic Research Southern Africa Workshop on 'Economics of Digitization'

Hosted by Economic Research Southern Africa

8-9 April 2020 in Cape Town

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#### \*\*\*Keynote Speakers\*\*\*

Marc Bourreau (Telecom Paris)

Frank Verboven (KU Leuven)

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The first Economic Research Southern Africa workshop on the 'Economics of Digitization' will bring together scholars working in the field of Economics of Digitization with both theoretical and empirical focus. Sessions with keynote speakers and with contributed papers will provide a forum for exchange of ideas and reflect the current state of research in this area in South Africa and beyond.

Interested participants and contributors are invited to submit their full papers to Lukasz Grzybowski, [lukasz.grzybowski@uct.ac.za](mailto:lukasz.grzybowski@uct.ac.za), by 31 January 2020. Acceptance notes with detailed information about the workshop will be sent by 15 February 2020.

**Convenor:**

Lukasz Grzybowski (UCT, Telecom Paris).

**Selection committee:**

Lukasz Grzybowski (UCT, Telecom Paris), Marc Bourreau (Telecom Paris), Frank Verboven (KU Leuven, CEPR).

**Disclaimer:**

ERSA will cover the travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of participants from South African institutions. Places are limited and funding to attend the workshop is entirely at the discretion of the workshop organizers.

## **More Information about the Keynote Speakers**

### **Marc Bourreau**

Marc Bourreau is professor of economics at Telecom Paris (Institut Polytechnique de Paris), director of the Innovation & Regulation Chair at Telecom Paris, and a joint academic director of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE). He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of Information Economics and Policy. His main research interests are in industrial organization, with application to competition policy and regulation, telecommunications, and digital economics. His current research project concern the impact of competition and regulation on entry and investment in the telecoms industry, the economics of digital platforms, and licensing and trading of standard essential patents. Marc Bourreau has widely published in leading economics journals, such as the American Economic Review, the European Economic Review, the Journal of Industrial Economics and the International Journal of Industrial Organization, among others. He teaches industrial organization, economics of platforms, and digital economics.

### **Frank Verboven**

Frank Verboven is professor of economics at the KU Leuven, Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London), and member of the Economic Advisory Group of Competition Policy at DG-Competition of the European Commission. He is Managing Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization. His research focuses on Industrial Organization, in particular the econometric analysis of market power, with applications to competition policy and regulation. His research covered a variety of topics (mergers, cartels, vertical restraints and entry) and industries (automobiles, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, health care professions and local services). His work has been published in the American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied & Policy, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies and the Review of Economics and Statistics, and other journals. He teaches industrial organization, micro-economics and empirical methods for competition policy.