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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **'Industrial Organisation'**

**Johannesburg, 17 March 2014**

Industrial organisation (IO) theory and empirical research provides the analytical framework for the regulation of competition (mergers, abuse of dominance, and cartels) and for the regulation of specific sectors characterised by dominant firms including energy, transport, water and telecommunications. While a significant literature on IO topics exists in developed countries, such research is scarcer in developing countries like South Africa. This workshop is intended to support emerging research on competition and regulatory matters.

#### **Target audience**

Academics, researchers and students currently enrolled for master's or PhD programmes that are conducting research into the economics of industrial organisation, competition and regulation are encouraged to submit papers and attend the workshop. The organisers will select between 10 and 12 papers for presentation at the workshop, which will be evaluated by discussants.

Academics, researchers and students planning research in the field of industrial organisation are encouraged to attend the workshop to develop their plans and to discuss ways to collaborate on future research.

#### **Workshop themes**

The overall theme for the workshop is industrial organisation. In particular, the workshop aims to facilitate debate within the research community on the economics of competition and regulation. Researchers are therefore encouraged to submit papers on competition policy and regulatory matters. Other papers in the broader field of industrial organisation will also be considered. Papers submitted at other workshops and conferences and/or already submitted for publication are welcome.

## **Financial support**

ERSA covers the travel and accommodation expenses 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.

Financial support for private-sector participants is conditional on their active participation and once again at the discretion of the workshop organizers.

## **Details for submissions**

Send abstracts of 200 words for consideration to Yoemna Mosaval, [workshops@econrsa.org](mailto:workshops@econrsa.org), by 20 February 2014.

Successful applicants will be informed by the beginning of March 2014.

For further information about the workshop, please contact Ryan Hawthorne ([ryan@regulation.org.za](mailto:ryan@regulation.org.za)) or Willem Boshoff ([wimpie2@sun.ac.za](mailto:wimpie2@sun.ac.za)).