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CALL FOR PAPERS

4th International Workshop on the Economics of Competition & Industrial Organization

7 & 8 September 2015

High Constantia Conference Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA) funds annual workshops to promote research in industrial organization and competition policy in South Africa and beyond. Previous keynote speakers include Daniel Rubinfeld (UC Berkeley) and Luke Froeb (Vanderbilt).

The upcoming workshop will focus on the economics of collusion, with keynote speaker Prof Joseph Harrington (University of Pennsylvania Wharton School). We welcome submissions on:

- Cartel pricing dynamics and determinants of steady-state cartel prices
- Studies of observed collusive practices including communication practices
- Models of cartel formation
- Cartel screening tools

We also welcome:

- Empirical IO papers, including demand modelling papers
- Papers dealing explicitly with South African competition policy issues

Submissions may take the form of either abstracts or completed papers. Applicants who wish to attend without presenting a paper must indicate their research interests, as they may be involved as discussants.

Send papers and abstracts to Prof Willem Boshoff: wimpie2@sun.ac.za

Deadline for submission: 31 July 2015

About the keynote speaker

Professor Joseph Harrington holds the Patrick T. Harker Chair of Business Economics and Public Policy at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his PhD from Duke University. Prior to joining Wharton, he was Professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins University, where he was also Departmental Chair from 2007 to 2012. Prof Harrington's research focuses on the economics of collusion. He is a distinguished scholar and has published in the leading journals including the American Economic Review, Econometrica, and Management Science. His work on understanding observed collusive practices and developing markers of collusion has had a significant impact on the literature, but his 80+ publications and two textbooks cover a range of topics in competition and microeconomics more broadly. Prof Harrington is a regular keynote speaker at international events and serves on the editorial boards of all the leading industrial organization journals. He is also a past president of the Industrial Organization Society. In addition to his scholarly record, Prof Harrington has extensive policy experience at a senior level and his research has been presented before various competition authorities in the US, Europe and South Africa.

Target audience

The target audience are researchers, academics and graduate students working in industrial organization, the economics of competition policy and applied microeconomics.

South African researchers from historically disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Venue

The conference venue is located in Constantia, one of the oldest suburbs of Cape Town, located on the slopes of the Constantiaberg. Read about Constantia [here](#). Find it on Google Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/otvze8z>.

Financial support

ERSA covers the travel and accommodation expenses for participants from South African institutions. Places are limited and funding to attend the workshop is at the discretion of the workshop organisers.

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

For questions about financial support or workshop arrangements, please send an e-mail with the subject title "Economics of Competition and Industrial Organization" to workshops@econrsa.org

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