

Call for papers

Competition and regulation in network industries

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Third annual conference of the multidisciplinary journal
Competition and Regulation in Network Industries

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During the past decades network industries (including telecom, electricity, gas, postal services, aviation, water, road and railways) have been restructured to allow for more competition and involvement of the private sector. This development was accompanied by the emergence of new forms of regulatory governance in these vital sectors. Whereas competition is expected to increase efficiency, create more choice for consumers and stimulate innovation, government intervention is warranted in order to regulate monopolistic networks and technical standards, and to safeguard social service obligations, public values and national interests. At the same time significant technical innovations – notably in the field of ICT – have taken place that offer new opportunities and challenges for infrastructure governance. Hence exploring the balance between competition and regulation in network industries is a fascinating field of research that challenges politics and business alike.

The conference takes a multi-disciplinary approach and explores the legal, economic, institutional and public policy aspects of this fundamental reform of network industries. In doing so, it highlights dominant current trends and issues affecting network-based and network-related industries in parallel sessions, including but not restricted to:

- Challenges in Network Industry Regulation
- Inter/supra-nationalization of Infrastructures
- Investments and Innovation in Network Industries
- Liberalization Models in Network Industries
- Sector-specific issues (Electricity, Gas, Railways, Telecom, Post, Water, Aviation, Transport, Internet, ...)
- Measuring Network Performance

With this call for papers the CRNI invites you to contribute to the conference through papers and panel suggestions.

Guidelines

Please send a 600 to 1000 word proposal in a word document by 1 June 2010 to submissions@crninet.com. Indicate in the subject heading 'CRNI conference'. The proposals will be refereed by the editorial board of the CRNI.

The proposal should include:

- Title of the paper
- Name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author (postal, phone, fax and email)
- The aim and methodology of the study
- Results obtained or expected
- A few keywords

Keynote speakers

In addition to the parallel sessions, the conference will have two keynote speeches by leading academics in the field of regulation and network industries.

Important dates

Deadline for panel submission: 15 April 2010
Deadline for paper proposals: 1 June 2010
Notification of acceptance: 1 July 2010
Final paper submission: 1 October 2010

Further details

For further information about the conference, submission, registration and detailed programme, please visit:
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