



The Seventeenth Annual Federal Trade Commission Microeconomics Conference

November 14-15, 2024

Washington, D.C.

A G E N D A

Thursday, November 14

8:30 a.m. **Registration** (Continental breakfast provided)

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Aviv Nevo (Federal Trade Commission)

9:15 a.m. **Paper Session** - Chaired by Allan Collard-Wexler (Duke University)

Driving the Drivers: Algorithmic Assignment in Ride-Hailing

Yanyou Chen (University of Toronto)

co-authored with Yao Luo (University of Toronto) and Zhe Yuan (Zhejiang University)

Discussant: Nick Buchholz (Princeton University)

Dynamic Monopsony with Large Firms and Noncompetes

Gregor Jarosch (Duke University and NBER)

co-authored with Axel Gottfries (University of Edinburgh)

Discussant: Heski Bar-Isaac (University of Toronto, Competition Bureau Canada,
and CEPR)

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **Keynote Address, “Oligopsony and Collective Bargaining”**

Allan Collard-Wexler (Duke University)

11:55 a.m. **Lunch** (provided)

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- 1:00 p.m. **Paper Session** - Chaired by Viola Chen and Samuel Kleiner (FTC)
- What Makes Players Pay? An Empirical Investigation of In-Game Lotteries**
Andrey Simonov (Columbia Business School and CEPR)
co-authored with Tomomichi Amano (Harvard Business School)
Discussant: Fableda Ibat (Federal Trade Commission)
- Adverse Selection and (un)Natural Monopoly in Insurance Markets**
Mark Shepard (Harvard and NBER)
co-authored with Edward Kong (Harvard University) and Timothy J. Layton (UVA and NBER)
Discussant: Andrew Ching (Johns Hopkins University)
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:50 p.m. **Keynote Address, “Effects of Automation in the Workplace”**
Pinar Yildirim (University of Pennsylvania)
- 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:50 p.m. **Paper Session** - Chaired by Pinar Yildirim (University of Pennsylvania)
- Balancing User Privacy and Personalization**
Malika Korganbekova (Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management)
co-authored with Cole Zuber (Wayfair LLC)
Discussant: Ginger Jin (University of Maryland)
- Clause and Effect: Theory and Field Experimental Evidence on Noncomplete Clauses.**
Evan Starr (University of Maryland)
co-authored with Bo Cowgill (Columbia University) and Brandon Freiberg (Columbia University)
Discussant: Ananya Sen (Carnegie Mellon University)
- 5:20 p.m. **Hors d’oeuvres Reception**
Sponsored by the **Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale University**
- 6:30 p.m. **First Day of Conference Concludes**

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Friday, November 15

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration** (Continental breakfast provided)
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Steven Berry (Yale University)
- 9:15 a.m. **Paper Session** - Chaired by Zack Cooper (Yale University)
- Labor and Product Market Effects of Mergers**
Miriam Larson-Koester (Federal Trade Commission)
co-authored with Daniel Hosken (Federal Trade Commission) and Charles Taragin (Federal Reserve Board)
 Discussant: Elena Prager (University of Rochester and NBER)
- Vertical Integration and Plan Design in Healthcare Markets**
Benjamin Vatter (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
co-authored with José Ignacio Cuesta (Stanford University and NBER) and Carlos Noton (PUC-Chile)
 Discussant: Shoshana Vasserman (Stanford University)
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. **Keynote Address, “Health Care Consolidation, Labor Markets, and Inequality”**
Zack Cooper (Yale University)
- 11:55 a.m. **Conference Concludes**

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