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Conference on Corporate Governance in Network Industries

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30./31. October 2013, Vienna Austria

2nd CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 30th June 2013

Overview

Network industries offer a highly interesting research area, as business operations generally need to account for both competition and regulation. Adequate performance is only reached by balancing economic efficiency and reasonable profits with public interests and investment needs. Especially the relationship between liberalization and regulation of monopolies or monopolistic bottlenecks dealing with public needs creates multi-disciplinary research questions related to corporate governance. In particular, market-orientated corporate governance mechanisms might not perfectly work in a partly monopolistic environment.

The conference intends to bring together academics, professionals, and representatives of governments and operators. The aim is to address key issues in network industries arising from the intersection of regulation and competition on the one hand and corporate governance on the other hand.

Conference Structure

The conference on corporate governance in network industries will be held at the new campus (http://www.wu.ac.at/campus/en/infrastructure) of the **WU Vienna** University of Economics and Business in Austria on 30. and 31. October 2013. The conference is jointly organized by the Institute for Corporate Governance (WU), the Chair Management of Network Industries (EPFL), and the Florence School of Regulation (EUI) supported by the WU Research Institute of Regulatory Economics. Accepted conference papers can be submitted to a **Special Issue** of the Journal Competition and Regulation in Network Industries (<u>www.crninet.com/</u>). Each day of the conference will open with a **Keynote Speech** on new issues on corporate governance in network industries. The two Keynote Speakers are **Dennis C. Müller** and **Jean-Michel Glachant**, Director of the Florence School of Regulation.







We would like to invite you to submit an **extended abstract** or a **full paper** dealing with research topics, including but not restricted to:

• The specifics of corporate governance mechanisms in infrastructure and network industries

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- Economic regulation of infrastructure industries (including Electricity, Telecoms, Gas, Water and other infrastructure industries such as airports, postal services, etc.) and its relation to corporate governance
- Boundaries and overlaps between regulation and corporate governance for utilities and networks
- The processes of de- and re-regulation, as well as privatization, and their implications on the corporate governance of the involved firms
- Corporate governance of state-owned infrastructure firms

We would welcome both theoretical and empirical papers, including case study oriented work. If you want to be considered for publication in the special issue, a full paper needs to be submitted. Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present followed by comments from an assigned discussant, plus general discussion. If you are not willing to act as an assigned discussant, please let us know.

Extended abstracts/Papers and all other queries should be sent to CGNI@wu.ac.at.

Important dates

Submission deadline: **30th June 2013** Notification of acceptance: **30th August 2013** Provisional program/start of registration: **2nd September 2013** Final program and end of registration: **17th October 2013**

Fees

Conference charge is 150€. Students of the WU MBA Energy management program are free of charge. Other students will have a reduced charge upon request.

Organizing committee and editors

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