



Kiel-Munich Workshop on the Economics of Information and Network Industries

CALL FOR PAPERS

Rapid progress in information and communication technologies stirs up modern economies as do the liberalisation and deregulation of traditional network-based industries. These developments pose new challenges for economic theory and economic policy. Thus, there is a growing body of both theoretical and empirical literature focusing on these issues.

Once again, on 15 – 16 August 2005, we will dedicate a workshop to this important research topic. The workshop will take place in Munich as a joint initiative of the **Center for Information and Network Economics** at the University of Munich and two of the leading German economic research institutes, the **ifo Institute for Economic Research**, and the **Kiel Institute for World Economics**.

With this workshop we aim to provide a platform for presenting and discussing new research in the area as well as contributing to the development of a coherent research agenda. We would like to invite submissions concentrating on the following topics:

- Increasing Returns, Network Externalities, Switching Costs.
- Market Structure, Product Differentiation and Pricing Strategies.
- Industry Studies on Hardware/Software, E-commerce and the Internet.
- Industry Studies on Telecommunication, Energy and Transport Networks.
- Innovation, R&D and Intellectual Property in Network Industries
- National and International Regulatory Policy, Antitrust Issues, Private Sector Initiatives.

We particularly welcome empirical papers.

For further reference have a look at past programs which can be found at

<http://www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/konfer/konferin.htm> .

The deadline for paper submissions is 1 June, 2005. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their paper by 1 July, 2005. Please do also let us know if you want to participate without presenting a paper and if you would be willing to discuss a paper. Thanks to generous financial support from the Volkswagen Foundation we will cover the local costs and offer a partial reimbursement of travel costs for all presenters and discussants. Submission of papers should be made via e-mail to

kiel-munich-workshop@lmu.de.

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