

Conference and Special JLE Issue in Honor of Harold Demsetz

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Luskin Conference Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Harold Demsetz (1930-2019), a long-time professor at UCLA, was a pioneer in the development and use of microeconomic theory to analyze questions of how property rights and institutional arrangements affect competitive behavior of firms and individuals and market outcomes. His former colleagues, students, and friends are hosting this conference in his honor and to encourage new research related to Demsetz's work.

Call for papers

We invite papers on topics inspired by or related to Harold Demsetz's research, including:

- The development of property rights and their influence on resource allocation
- Transactions costs
- Business regulation, including natural monopolies and antitrust
- The theory of the firm
- Industrial organization, including market concentration
- Corporate ownership structure and financial policy
- Market microstructure

JLE Special Issue

At the option of the authors, papers selected for the conference may also be submitted for consideration for publication in a Special Issue in Honor of Harold Demsetz to be published by *The Journal of Law and Economics*.

Conference submission procedure

The deadline for submission of papers or well-fleshed out proposals for a paper is September 30, 2019. For well-fleshed out proposals, the deadline for final submission of papers is January 31, 2020. Submissions should be sent to demsetzconference@econ.ucla.edu.

Conference organizers

The conference is organized by the UCLA Economics Department, chaired by Dora Costa, along with the organizing committee, which includes John Asker (UCLA), Harry DeAngelo (University of Southern California), Thomas Hubbard (Northwestern University), Joseph Kalt (Harvard University), Jonathan Karpoff (University of Washington), Kenneth Lehn (University of Pittsburgh), Harold Mulherin (University of Georgia), Sam Peltzman (University of Chicago), Robert Topel (University of Chicago), and Kam-Ming Wan (Hong Kong Polytechnic University).

For more information, contact the organizing committee at demsetzconference@econ.ucla.edu.