

## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Submission deadline: December 1, 2006*

### 2nd Annual Conference on The Institutional Foundations of Industry Self-Regulation

**Harvard Business School  
February 16-17, 2007**

<http://www.hbs.edu/units/tom/conferences/isr2007.html>

This conference will convene scholars researching institutional mechanisms for solving industry-wide problems. These “institutions for self-regulation” operate in a wide array of domains including collaborative research and development, environmental protection, fiduciary responsibility, consumer protection, and worker or product safety. Examples include open source communities, professional codes of conduct, ratings organizations, standard setting bodies, and a variety of private-sector alternatives to government regulation.

This year, we wish to highlight research on institutions for multi-lateral collaboration, such as open source communities or knowledge sharing organizations. However, papers addressing all aspects of industry self-regulation are most welcome.

Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- How are self-regulatory institutions organized?
- How can we measure the impact or performance of self-regulatory institutions?
- When is self-regulation a complement or substitute for corporate or governmental control?
- What features of the business environment promote or discourage self-regulation?
- What are the design-principles for these institutional mechanisms?

Submissions should be original research papers that have not yet been accepted for publication (working papers that include preliminary analysis are also acceptable). We welcome papers from a wide range of disciplines including law, public policy, economics, and business strategy.

**Submission Deadline: December 1, 2006** - Please e-mail your submission to Esther Simmons ([essimmons@hbs.edu](mailto:essimmons@hbs.edu)). Selections will be announced in mid-December.

The conference will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Harvard Business School. There will be a banquet for all participants on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Last year’s conference at Dartmouth, which focused on “self-regulation of environmental issues,” was a great success, and we expect this year to be even better.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.hbs.edu/units/tom/conferences/isr2007.html>, or by contacting Mike Toffel ([mtoffel@hbs.edu](mailto:mtoffel@hbs.edu)) or Andrew King ([Andrew.A.King@Dartmouth.Edu](mailto:Andrew.A.King@Dartmouth.Edu)).

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