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## **Hudson Institute Launches Center Focusing on Economic Impact and Interdependence of Internet Policy Decisions**

*Center for Economics of the Internet to focus on how free-market principles applied to Internet policy will benefit consumers*

*- Headed by Former FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth-*

**Washington, D.C. – June 9, 2011** –Hudson Institute, one of America’s premier policy research organizations, today launched the [Center for Economics of the Internet](#), an innovative program on Internet policy that focuses on free-market principles. The Center is founded and directed by former FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth.

“Federal agencies are currently addressing policy decisions based on a theory of ‘Internet exceptionalism,’ where ordinary principles of economics do not apply,” said Mr. Furchtgott-Roth. “Unfortunately, this arrangement only serves to harm consumers and weaken our businesses. The Center for Economics of the Internet will dispel the myth that regulating one part of the Internet ecosystem can be walled off from impacting other parts of the ecosystem.”

The Center will produce analysis of relevant trends and policy debates. Programs will include studies, white papers, and regular seminars and briefings in DC featuring leading scholars, beginning with a breakfast dialogue on June 17. These thought leaders will present original research and expert opinion on issues including but not limited to intellectual property rights, peering, investment, competition, regulated pricing of services, and privacy and cybersecurity.

“Consumers expect faster Internet service, carriers are working to overcome impediments to infrastructure development, and Americans are concerned about the privacy and security of personal information online,” said Furchtgott-Roth. “We will strive to provide market-based guidance to those policymakers and government officials who are formulating and implementing Internet policies.”

The Center’s academic advisory board includes such noted experts as Viet Dinh, Georgetown University School of Law; Richard Epstein, NYU Law School; Robert Hahn, Oxford University, Georgetown University, and the University of Manchester; Jerry Hausman, MIT; Thomas Hazlett, George Mason University Law School; Bruce Owen, Stanford University; Greg Sidak, Criterion Economics; and Christopher Yoo, University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

To view the Center’s new website, visit <http://cei.hudson.org/>.

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