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**Empirical Evidence for Policy in
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1. File sharers are, on average, the largest legal customers of recorded media.
2. It is better to seduce you customers than to sue them.
3. The motivations for fixed price legislation for books are predominantly anti-competitive.
4. The empirical evidence in defence of a fixed price for printed books is slim at best. The case for a fixed price for e-books is weaker still.
5. Combining format restrictions for commercial radio with a beauty contest as an allocation mechanism is like wearing both a belt and braces.
6. When the stakes are high, a beauty contest is a recipe for disaster, if not for a Trojan war.
7. Economic research can improve policymaking by improving the alignment between the stated objectives of a policy and its actual consequences.
8. Si le droit d'auteur n'existait pas, il faudrait l'inventer (after Voltaire).
9. With respect to orphan works, one may learn from Oscar Wilde: "To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness."
10. Aphorisms are an eloquent man's way to be unreasonable.