



3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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ISM University of Management and Economics

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Economically successful and rapidly developing regions are usually characterized by high levels of both entrepreneurship and innovation. While this becomes increasingly recognized, specific policy measures, processes and mechanisms involved in such accelerated regional growth are by far less understood. Moreover, the same policies and mechanisms, which are effective in one region, do not always deliver similar results in others, due to variances in cultures, institutional arrangements, levels of education and technological development. This is especially true for emerging economies across continents, which aim to emulate success stories of the fastest growing regions; however, results are not always satisfactory both in the light of expected outcome and allocated investments.

In the light of the mixed evidence, the conference will explore relationships between entrepreneurship (in its different forms), innovation and regional development. In the extant literature, it is widely recognized that regional development alongside economics, also has a social dimension. Thus, accounting for the social dimension, the conference welcomes contributions pertaining to the social inclusion as well as economic development issues.

The aim of the conference is to explore these issues in different ways: theoretically, empirically and practically. Effective policies should be underpinned by sound theory, while at the same time conceptual development can benefit from policy makers' insights, i.e. from creative tension between „the theory in use“ and theories as we know them in the research community. As a consequence, contributions from practitioners and policy makers as well as academics are encouraged, since one of the aims of the conference is to promote dialogue between these different groups. The focus will be on new member states of the European Union, but contributions related to other countries are also welcome.

This conference is organized in cooperation with the University of Tartu, Estonia, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia, and Ventspils University College, Latvia. The aim is to promote entrepreneurship research in the Baltic countries and beyond in the context of the New Europe.



Conference themes

The conference committee welcomes contributions advancing our understanding of the role of the theory and practice of entrepreneurship and innovation in a regional context. However, we are particularly keen to receive papers that address one or more of the following themes:

- SME Policy in Emerging Countries
- SMEs and innovation systems
- National systems of entrepreneurship and SME development
- Role of universities in entrepreneurship and regional development
- Entrepreneurship in the informal economy
- Linkages between foreign direct investment and SME development
- Comparing different approaches to the promotion of economic development in peripheral regions
- The role of local government
- Migration and regional development
- High growth SMEs and regional development
- Entrepreneurship and social inclusion
- Social entrepreneurship and regional development
- SME internationalization
- SMEs and collaboration networks
- Sustainable innovation in turbulent political environment
- The effect of changes in political scene on entrepreneurship and regional development

Submission dates

Please email full abstracts of between 400-500 words by **July 15, 2015** to eird@ism.lt.

Feedback on the abstracts will be given by **August 1, 2015**.

Completed papers must be submitted to the conference secretary by **September 1, 2015** to be included in the conference proceedings.

Registration

Registration to the conference will start on **August 1, 2015** and will be open till **September 5, 2015**.

Publication opportunity

Conference organizers will present high quality publication opportunities in an edited book or a special issue of reputable international journal.



Conference host and venue

The conference host is ISM University of Management and Economics (Lithuania). ISM is known for its rapidly accelerating focus on entrepreneurship and innovation research. It has recently hosted SMS extension conference on Strategic Entrepreneurship and RENT conference in 2013. More information about ISM can be found at www.ism.lt

Scientific committee:

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Participation fee

Participation fee is EUR 100. The fee includes lunch, coffee breaks, gala dinner and conference materials.

Information and address for correspondence:

Questions regarding the conference should be addressed to the secretariat at eird@ism.lt

Accommodation

Information on recommended conference hotels will follow in August.