

Call for Papers

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Institutions for the Entrepreneurial Society

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Overview

The Entrepreneurial Society (Audretsch, 2007) is an open society in which innovative new ideas can challenge the status quo and foster the dynamics of creative destruction. Entrepreneurship is spurred by and, in turn, it is of key importance in generating diversity (Florida, 2003); and open, contestable markets create the selection environment in which innovation can shape the future (Baumol, 2002). Such entrepreneurship drives growth, jobs, prosperity and opportunities for all (Leibenstein, 1968; Carre and Thurik, 2003; Haltiwanger et al., 2013; Haltiwanger et al., 2016). But such an open, contestable institutional framework is far from being self-evident. Achieving such an institutional complex is challenging and even when in place its sustainability requires constant scrutiny. Furthermore, there's not a single recipe for creating the entrepreneurial society, while the effectiveness of a specific institutional set-up depends on contextual contingencies and complementarities arising from its several elements (Freeman, 2008). Allegedly, to foster and promote the entrepreneurial society, institutional reforms are often required (see the case of Sweden in Braunerhjelm and Henrekson, 2013). Such reforms should channel (more) resources to small scale, experimental and growth oriented ventures inside and outside existing organizations, because it is the institutional environment that drives the allocation of our financial, human and knowledge resources (Baumol, 1990). The purpose of this special issue is to collect high-level academic papers that zoom in on the interplay between institutions and entrepreneurship and advance our understanding on the most functional institutional arrangements for productive entrepreneurship.

It is time for entrepreneurship policy to go beyond the traditional remedies, such as educating the young, reducing taxes and increasing subsidies and reducing red tape and bureaucratic hurdles. In this special issue, we will collect excellent original research papers that address that challenge.

Entrepreneurship is by nature a very broad and multidisciplinary topic, combining economics, business and strategy. For this special issue, we aim to even

broaden that scope and papers combining entrepreneurship with history, geography, sociology, psychology and law are especially invited to submit.

Research Topics

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Financial regulation and investment in new venturing.
- Institutions, institutional reforms and entrepreneurial finance.
- Public policy and the mobilization of resources for the entrepreneurial activity.
- Taxation, social security and the incentives to employ in or be employed by early stage high-risk ventures.
- Incentives and barriers to start-up, growth and scaling up of new ventures.
- Intellectual property rights and the flow of knowledge to new ventures.
- Universities, the institutions of science and knowledge transfer.
- Local, regional, national and global level institutions and their interaction with entrepreneurship.
- Corporate governance and the scope for intrapreneurship.
- Cultural attitudes and entrepreneurial venturing.
- Historical roots of an (un-) entrepreneurial culture.
- Varieties of capitalism, entrepreneurship and start-up processes.
- The inclusiveness of entrepreneurial venturing.

Key Dates

The submission deadline for the special issue is **August 1st 2017** and papers will be subject to the standard double blind reviewing process at Small Business Economics Journal. We explicitly invite interested authors to submit abstracts or proposals for prescreening before **June 1st 2017**.

All (suitable) papers submitted to the special issue will be invited to present the paper in a closed workshop in the context of the EU-Horizon2020 project FIRES (www.projectfires.eu) in Utrecht, Netherlands in the summer of 2017. The papers selected for publication can then be presented in the FIRES-track we are preparing for the 2017 WINIR-conference in Utrecht or the IECER-conference in Siegen Germany. Papers should be revised and ready for publication by January 2018. We aim for publication of the special issue in the first half of 2018.

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All submissions should conform to the SBEJ manuscript submission guidelines available at: <http://www.springer.com/business+%26+management/business+for+professionals/journal/11187>.

To submit for this special issue, please send a separate title page with author information and an anonymized manuscript to m.w.j.l.sanders@uu.nl as separate .pdf files in a single email with subject line: SBEJ Special Issue IES

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