

## Call for Papers

17<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium 2014 on:

### *Geography of Growth The Frequency, Nature and Consequences of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Regions of Varying Density*

June 12-14, 2014

Venue: Hotel Bohusgården, Uddevalla, Sweden

Abstract Submission Deadline: **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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### The theme of the Uddevalla Symposium

It is often argued that a key to understand the geography growth is to understand the geography of entrepreneurship and innovation. The economic dynamism and change-processes induced by entrepreneurship and innovation behaviour in the Schumpeterian sense are indeed put forth as important drivers of long-term growth and well-being of regions. At the same time it is increasingly recognized that there is considerable spatial heterogeneity in terms of the frequency, nature and consequences of these processes. In some regions, processes of entrepreneurship and innovation thrive over long periods of time, whereas other regions persistently show modest levels of innovation dynamics and firm dynamics. Similarly, recent research points to that the effect of entrepreneurship and innovation differs substantially across different types of regions. We still know very little about the sources of these kinds of spatial heterogeneities. For example: what are the sources of persistent regional variations in entrepreneurship and innovation activity? What explains spatial variations in the effects of entrepreneurship and innovation activities? To what extent are they for example due to that the nature of these activities is different in different regions?

The aim of the 17<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium is to gather high-quality contributions that bring new theoretical and/or new empirical knowledge of these issues. A key theme of the symposium is how and why the frequency, nature and consequences of entrepreneurship and innovation vary across different types of regions, in particular across regions of varying density. Improved knowledge of these questions is crucial for our understanding of the overall geography of growth.

We invite theoretical and empirical research papers across a range of disciplines and fields to contribute to the symposium. A non-exhaustive list of examples of topics of includes:

- Economic density and the rates and types of new firm formation
- Geographies of innovating firms and their innovation strategies
- Innovation radicalness and its links to regional resources

- Spatial sorting of innovative firms and employees
- Path creation and economic renewal
- Local institutions, social capital and new firm formation
- Industry structures and functional specializations as determinants of local entrepreneurship and innovation propensities
- The process of innovation, including its relevant inputs and measurable outcomes, in firms and/or industries across regions of varying density
- The role of local industrial heritage and culture on current innovation behaviour
- Opportunity- and necessity-based entrepreneurship in different local contexts

We welcome the submission of papers to the overall theme of the symposium or to one of the special sessions below. Please visit [www.symposium.hv.se](http://www.symposium.hv.se) for further information about the special sessions.

- I. **Geography of Growth. The Frequency, Nature and Consequences of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Regions of Varying Density** (overall theme)
- II. **Firm Level Studies on R&D, Innovation and Productivity Across Countries**  
Chair: Prof. Hans Lööf, CESIS, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
- III. **IP-based Entrepreneurship**  
Chair: Prof. Helen Lawton-Smith, Birkbeck, University of London, UK
- IV. **The Role of Policy in Geographies of Entrepreneurship**  
Chair: Prof. Helen Lawton-Smith, Birkbeck, University of London, UK
- V. **Destination and Regional Development with Focus on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Marifus)**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Yvonne von Friedrichs, Mid-Sweden University, Östersund, Sweden
- VI. **Place Management as a Key to Regional Transformation and Growth**  
Chairs: Dr. Ulrika Lundh Snis, MsSc. Tomas Lindroth & Director Place Management Christer Asplund, University West, Trollhättan Sweden
- VII. **Mechanism of Innovation - Collective Regional Assets, Market and Social in Regions or Cities**  
Chairs: Prof. Tomomichi Yoshikawa, Waseda University & Phd. Cand. Kazuhito Yamada, Hosei Graduate School of Regional Policy Design, Tokyo, Japan
- VIII. **Technology and Networks**  
Chairs: Prof. Håkan Ylinenpää and Prof. Joakim Wincent, Center for Interorganisational Innovation Research (CiIR), Luleå University of Technology, Sweden
- IX. **Obstacles and Opportunities for Entrepreneurship and Growth in Cross-border Regions**  
Chair: Dr. Urban Gråsjö, University West, Trollhättan, Sweden
- X. **The Regional Balance in a Changing Environment**  
Chairs: Dr. Nils Karl Sørensen & Prof. Andreas P. Cornett, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg, Denmark
- XI. **Geographical Dynamics in Innovation and Production Networks and Regional Development**  
Chair: Dr. Ben Vermeulen, University of Hohenheim, Germany
- XII. **The Geography of Innovation and Growth**  
Chairs: Assoc. Prof. Johan Klaesson, Dr. Sara Johansson, Prof. Börje Johansson, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden & Prof. Frank van Oort, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- XIII. **Exploring Time-Geography**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Per Assmo, University West, Trollhättan, Sweden
- XIV. **Creative Class/Creative Economy**  
Chair: Dr. Kevin Stolarik, Research Director, The Martin Prosperity Institute, University of Toronto, Canada
- XV. **Technology in Higher Education: From Open Resources to Global Learning (LINA)**  
Chair: Prof. Lars Svensson, Research Director, University West, Trollhättan, Sweden
- XVI. **University Spin-offs and their Regional Economic Effects**  
Chair: Prof. Dr. Rolf Sternberg, University of Hannover, Germany
- XVII. **Transportation Infrastructure and Regional Economic Development**  
Chairs: Assoc. Prof. Kakuya Matsushima, Kyoto University, Graduate School of Urban Management, Japan & Prof. William (Bill) Anderson, Windsor University, Canada (TBC).
- XVIII. **Local Density Conditions for Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Start-up, Strategy and Success**  
Chair: Prof. Dr. Veronique Schutjens, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- XIX. **The role of Innovations in Regions of Varying Density**  
Chairs: Prof. Martin Andersson and Prof. Ron Boschma, CIRCLE, Lund University, Sweden

## Objectives and publications

Following the tradition established by the previous symposia, starting in 1998, the symposium is designed to bring together leading-edge views of senior academic scholars and mix them with the critical and creative views of post-docs and PhD students engaged in their thesis work. We welcome researchers from various fields, such as economic geography, entrepreneurship, international business, management, political science, regional economics, small business economics, sociology and urban and regional planning.

*The objectives of the seventeenth Uddevalla Symposium 2014 are:* i) to provide a unique opportunity for scholars including senior and junior researchers to discuss path-breaking concepts, ideas, frameworks and theories in plenary key-note sessions and parallel competitive paper sessions, and ii) to facilitate the development and synthesis of important contributions into cohesive and integrated collections for potential publication. Therefore, unpublished complete papers are invited for presentation and feedback from other scholars. Leading-edge contributions from the previous symposia have appeared in special issues of prestigious journals and eleven edited book volumes. For a selected list of publications of previous symposia, please see <http://www.symposium.hv.se/en/publications>. This symposium will follow the same practice. In addition to an Uddevalla Symposium Proceeding, we are considering to publish either a special issue and/or a book volume consisting of a selection of papers presented and at the symposium.

## Submission information

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** [January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014](#)

Abstract – maximum 500 words including:

*Title of the abstract/paper, selected theme (choose from the list above numbered from I to XIX.), keywords, Name(s) and academic title of the author(s), Affiliation(s), complete mail address(es), E-mail address(es) and corresponding author send by e-mail to: 2014uddsymp@hv.se*

Submit the abstract using the Word 2010 version of Microsoft. We suggest naming your file “PRESENTERS NAME\_Uddevalla2014.docx” to avoid confusion between abstracts.

**Results of the review process** will be communicated to authors by approximately [February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014](#)

**Submission Deadline for Complete Papers accepted for presentation** (in Word 2010 or earlier version): [May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014](#)

## The organisation of the symposium

The 17<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium 2014 will have the following structure. **Keynote sessions:** Mornings up to lunch are set aside for 3-4 plenary keynote contributions of prominent scholars. **Parallel paper sessions:** Afternoons are devoted to parallel sessions focusing on the development of emergent concepts, frameworks, and theories for better understanding of the themes of the symposium and the new challenges they pose for scholars and practitioners.

## Best paper awards

To stimulate high quality papers a Best Paper Award of € 1.000 as well as a Best PhD Candidate Paper Award of € 700 will be awarded. The members of the scientific committee will select the winning papers. Only papers submitted before the deadline will be evaluated.

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