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14-16 June



Thursday, June 14th 2018

13.00-16.00 – Room A109 - Paper session Ia.

I. Diversity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship – Regional, Urban, National and International Perspectives

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The Role of Knowledge Networks in the Inventive Capacity of Cities

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How Does the Regional Knowledge Base Mediate Firms' Acquisition of External Knowledge?

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Entrepreneurial Journeys of Refugee Entrepreneurs.

Journeys Related to Entrepreneurial Learning and Entrepreneurial Capital in Groningen

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Knowledge Sourcing in the West Swedish Textile Industry – The Role of Labor from Related Industries

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Conceptualizing and Measuring Specialization: A Literature Review and Empirical Test with Implications for Smart Specialization

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Entrepreneurial Activity and Growth of the Local SME Sector: A Developing Country Perspective

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Globalizing Startups: Business Startup Organizations in The Bay Area

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Board Effects on Innovation in Family and Non-Family Business

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The New Suze Canal influencing to Enhancing Africa Inbound Maritime Logistics & Operations

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II. Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Micro and Macro Perspectives

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Entrepreneurship, Institutions and Economic Growth

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The Rise of Entrepreneurship and Indigenous Innovation in China and the Pearl River Delta

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Innovation and Entrepreneurship in American Cities: Metropolitan Patent Generation

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Knowledge-based Service Economy and Firm Entry: An Alternative to the Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship

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IV. Regional Innovation Cluster-What do Clusters Supply?

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The Factors in the Establishments of Shizuoka Sake Brewing Cluster: Regional Human Resources Enabling Open Innovation

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The Empirical Study on The Emergence and Diffusion Process of Design-Driven Innovation Initiated by Knowledge Creation: From the Field Study in the Industrial Cluster of the Sumida Ward, Tokyo

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As an Element of the Regional Innovation Cluster, The Citizen/Non-Profit Sector that Fulfillthe “Seedbed Function” of the New Industry

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The Birth of a Regional Materials Arena Node: A Case Study on the Entrepreneurial and Governance Dynamics of Advanced Materials Networks

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VI. Place Innovation in Diverse Perspectives

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Identifying Summer Season Segments on the Swedish West Coast – the Case of Lysekil

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Stakeholder Collaboration for Place Innovation - Challenges and Visions in Local Re-generation

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Experiencing Retail or Retailing Experiences – Place Innovative Synergies in City Centers

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XII. In the Digital World, there are no Periphery – Digital Innovations and Entrepreneurship in Physical Peripheries

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The Village School In the Digital Global Setting - A Case Study of How Local Schools are Leveling the Education and Future for Children by Digitalization

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Yoga as an Engine for Self-Leadership in a Digitalised Everyday Life

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Sustainable Health Care - From Global Ideas to Local Practices in Swedish Public Health Care

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Lowering the Thresholds to Welfare. A Case Study of how Automatization of Welfare Services May Build New Thresholds for Participation and How they Can be Addressed

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Sustainability among Large Sized Companies In Europe - Are there National Differences in their Sustainability Information?

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A Tentative Index for Economic Development – An Exploratory Study Using Swedish Municipal Data

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Heritage, Cluster, and Region's Competitiveness: A Case Analysis of Indonesia's Batik Craft Village from the Spatial Planning and Creative Industries Perspectives

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Entrepreneurial Intentions amongst Trained Fashion Designers – A Case Study of Students from The Swedish School of Textiles

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Cultural Diversity and Employment Growth: Moderating Effect of the Recent Global Financial Crisis

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Collaboration in Times of Connectivity and Digitalization

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How Innovation Culture can Impact Technological Innovation Performance?

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Analysis of the Power Structure – an Enabler for Employee Participation in Innovation

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How Academic Engagement Can Influence Firm Innovation: The Perspective of Industrial PhD Students in Engineering

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Innovation Systems at a Crossroads. From Traditional to Transformative Innovation Systems - a Theoretical Framework

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Research, Innovation and Productivity: Direct and Indirect Impacts of the 2008 French R&D Tax Credit Reform

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II. Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Micro and Macro Perspectives

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Ethnic Diversity in Start-Ups and its Impact on Innovation

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Schumpeterian Creative Class Competition, Innovation Policy, and Regional Economic Growth

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Taxes, The Tax Administrative Burden and the Entrepreneurial Life Cycle

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Determinants of Change and Income - Macro Implications of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in a European Perspective

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VII. Evolutionary Aspects of Policy and Industry Connections

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Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in Developing Countries: The Case of Egypt

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The Evolution of a Biotechnology Trajectory in Norway, ca. 2007-2017: A Study of High-Tech Firms and Policies as Co-evolving in a Natural Resources Intensive Economy

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University Incubators in Sweden: Routines, Type of Incumbents and the Outcome of Incubation

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The UK's Industrial Strategy: Implications for Regional Inequality and Driving Growth

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Spatial and Diversity Dynamics of Producer Services – Economic Growth in Local and Regional Economies

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Xa. Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in Cross-Border Regions: Challenges, Opportunities and Success Factors

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Exchange Rate Strategies among SMB Exporters - a Literature Review of Exchange Rate Pass-through and Hedging of Exchange Rate Risk. Do SMBs Behave according to Theory?

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Internationalization of Small Firms Originating from a Cross-Border Region: the Role of Social and Business Networks

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Relationship Lending and the Financing of SME – A Discussion

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Do SMEs in Border Regions Benefit from their Location? A Review of the Literature

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Intuition vs. Rationality in Decision-Making of Small Firms: What matters?

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13.00-17.20 – Room A209 - Paper session XI.

XI. Gender, Entrepreneurship and Contextual Dependencies

Chair: Prof. **Malin Malmström**, Luleå University of Technology, Luleå, Sweden, malin.malmstrom@ltu.se

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Towards Gender Equal Gender Typing, or? A Study of Swedish Governmental Financers' Web Communication through Images

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Gendered Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries in the Northern Context

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What you See is What you Get? How Venture Capitalists' Cognitions Triggered by Entrepreneurial Qualities Differ by Gender

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Broadening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Concept into the Creative Industries: An Examination of the Fashion Industry in Toronto, Canada

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Does Birds of a Feather Flock Together? A Personal Construct Approach in Entrepreneurial Finance

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Gender Equality for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in the EU

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13.00-17.15 – Room A208 - REGIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY MEETING - AN OPEN ACADEMIC FORUM

13:00 Welcome - **Hans Westlund** President, The Regional Science academy

SIGNATURES OF REGIONAL SCIENCE I

Regional Science Academy Lecture Series: "The Voice of the Regional Science Academy"

Chair:

13:15 **David Audretsch** – The Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research with a focus on Lagging and Remote Regions.

13:45 **Zoltan Acs** - Where do most productive entrepreneurship ventures occur and by whom?

14:15 Johan P. Larson, Lucia Nadia and **Hans Westlund** (*presenter*) – Policy Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Orientation in Vulnerable Swedish Municipalities.

15:00 *Coffee Break*

SIGNATURES OF REGIONAL SCIENCE II

Chair: **Amit Batabyal**

15:30 Regional Science Academy - Ex Libris Session (Responses to the question: Which 2 or 3 Regional Science publications have been essential for your career, and why?)

Gordon Mulligan on Brian J. Berry 's "Geography of Market Centers and Retail Distribution" Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

Martin Andersson on Johansson, B and L. Westin (1994) Affinities and Frictions of Trade Networks, Annals of Regional Science, 28(3), 243-261 and on Glaeser, E.L. & Kohlhase, J.E. (2004) Cities, regions and the decline of transport costs, Papers in Regional Science, 83(1), 197-228.

16:15 Great Mind Presentation – Ake Andersson: Scholarly Contributions to Regional Science

Roger Stough and Johan Eklund

17:15 *CLOSURE AND WAY FORWARD*



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13.00-16.00 – Room A109 - Paper session Ic.

I. Diversity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship – Regional, Urban, National and International Perspectives

Chair: Prof. **Erik Stam**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, e.stam@uu.nl

13:00-13:40

Are Swedish SMEs Financially Constrained?

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Discussant: **Victoria Golikova**, National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, victoria@hse.ru

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The Role of CEO and Firm Characteristics on Firm Innovative Performance

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Discussant: **Alexandra Tsvetkova**, The Ohio State University, Ohio, USA, alexa.tsvetkova@gmail.com

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Local Industrial Cohesion and its Effects on Business Dynamics of Single-Unit and Multi-Unit Firms

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Urban Density and Firms' Stock Returns

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13.00-16.00 – Room A207 - Paper session IIc.

II. Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Micro and Macro Perspectives

Chair: Prof. **Kingsley E. Haynes**, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, USA,
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Entrepreneurship Policies - Principles, Problems and Potential

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Discussant: **Kingsley E. Haynes**, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, USA,
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An Investigation of Micro and Macro Perspectives of the UK Creative Industries Ecosystem and the Impact on Entrepreneurship and Innovation Support

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Discussant: **Marcin Rataj**, Department of Geography and Economic History, Umeå University,
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Entrepreneurship and regional path dependence

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Entrepreneurship in Small Cities: Evidence from U.S. Micropolitan Areas

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13.00-16.00 – Room A209 - Paper session IVb.

IV. Regional Innovation Cluster-What do Clusters Supply?

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Creation of Sustainable Innovation in Company Town Clusters - A case of Sumitomo Corporation Group in Niihama city, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

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Inter-firm Cooperation and Innovation: a Social Network Analysis of Uruguayan Industrial and Services Clusters

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A Study of the Forward Effect of Regional Innovation Cluster, Based on a Case of Sasayama's Tourism and Related Industry Clusters

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Geographical Concentration of Creation of New Industries in Tsubame- Sanjyo in Japan - What Does Cluster Supply-

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13.00-15.00 – Room A110 - Paper session V.

V. Features of Resources, Industries, Diversity and Growth that Create Challenges and Opportunities in Arctic Regions

Chair: Dr. Ossi Pesämaa, Luleå University of Technology, Luleå, Sweden, ossi.pesamaa@ltu.se

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Development in Northern Sparsely Populated Areas: Norrbotten and Mining, 2004-2014

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Business & Innovation in the Arctic Region: A Cross-Country Analysis

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Regional Differences in Board Network Structures

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13.00-16.00 – Room A208 - Paper session VIII.

VIII. Understanding Societal Development From the Perspective of Work Integrated Learning- Methods for Collaboration and Innovation (LINA)

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The Birkbeck Model of Facilitating Work-Integrating Learning in Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Higher Education'

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The Adoption of Inside-out Open Innovation in a Canadian ICT Firm

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Managing Knowledge for Innovation

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A Time-Spatial Approach to Analyze Migrants' Micro-Migration and Settlements Patterns. A Case of Uddevalla Municipality, Sweden

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13.00-15.00 – Room A210 - Paper session XIV.

XIV: Growth, Innovation and Transportation in the Nordic Countries

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IKEA and Place Attractiveness

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Entrepreneurial Governance as Response to Challenges for Swedish Small and Medium Sized Towns

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Assessments of Infrastructure Investments Near and Crossing National Borders, Do They Result in an Efficient Transport System? Methods and Examples from the Nordic Countries

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