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**Call for Papers**  
for  
**The 12th Uddevalla Symposium 2009**

on:

**The Geography of Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

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**at Politecnico di Bari, Bari, Italy**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: [January 21st, 2009](#)**

**Final Papers Submission Deadline: [May 4th, 2009](#)**

In recent decades, we have witnessed a renewed interest in the spatial aspects of innovation and entrepreneurship including the role of the centripetal and centrifugal forces influencing the location of firms and households. The purpose of this symposium on **The Geography of Innovation and Entrepreneurship** is to contribute to an increased understanding of the role of geographical space in innovation and entrepreneurship.

We welcome the submission of papers to the general theme of the symposium "*The Geography of Innovation and Entrepreneurship*" or to one of the following special themes.

**Special themes**

- **Clustering in a Non-Industrial Sector: Physical and Networked Agglomeration in the Media Sector**  
Chair: Prof. Robert Picard, Media Management and Transformation Center, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden.
- **Proximity and Innovation**  
Chair: Prof. Nunzia Carbonara, Politecnico di Bari, Italy
- **Innovation, Globalization and Agglomeration - Aggregate Trends and Micro-Level Evidence**  
Chair: Dr. Martin Andersson, Centre for Excellence for Science and Innovation Studies, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.
- **The Geography of Rural Entrepreneurship and Growth**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Johan Klaesson, Research Unit for Rural Entrepreneurship and Growth, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden.



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- **Cities, Service Industries and the Geography of Growth**  
Chair: Dr. Lars Petterson, Urban Center Management, The Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden.
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Hospitality and Tourism**  
Chair: Prof. Lena Mossberg, BI Norwegian School of Management, Norway.
- **The Dahmén Session: Commercialization of University Knowledge for Innovation and Entrepreneurship**  
Chairs: Dr. Annika Rickne, The Dahmén Institute, Sweden & Dr. Olof Ejermo, CIRCLE, Lund University, Sweden.
- **Regional Innovation Systems in Post-Transition Economies**  
Chair: Prof. Ulrich Blum, The Halle Institute for Economic Research, Germany.
- **Agent-based Computational Geography of Innovation**  
Chair: Prof. Ilaria Giannoccaro, Politecnico di Bari, Italy
- **E-Geography of Innovations and Entrepreneurship**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Elin Wihlborg, Linköping University, Sweden

### Objectives

In line with earlier Uddevalla symposia the objectives of the twelfth Uddevalla Symposium 2009 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. A selected list of these papers will be subjected to review and development for publication in scholarly venues.

Following the tradition established by the previous symposia, starting in 1998, this twelfth Uddevalla Symposium 2009 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, economic history, entrepreneurship, international business, management, political science, regional economics, small business economics, sociology and urban and regional planning.

In previous plenary- and keynote sessions, the contributions of prominent scholars have included Zoltan Acs, Tomas Andersson, Åke E. Andersson, David Audretsch, Corinne Autant-Bernard, David L. Birch, Ulrich Blum, Chris Butler-Jensen, Roberta Capello, Bo Carlsson, Paul Cheshire, Philip Cooke, Juan Cuadrado-Roura, Alexander Eickelpasch, Hamid Etemad, Maryann Feldman, Manfred Fischer, Richard Florida, Harald Furre, Amy Glasmeier, Jack A. Goldstone, Mia Gray, Kingsley E. Haynes, Bronwyn H. Hall, Magnus Jerneck, Börje Johansson, Maureen Kilkeny, Kiyoshi Kobayshi, T.R. Lakshmanan, Helen Lawton Smith, Janice Madden, Rico Maggi, Edward Malecki, Franco Malerba, Philip McCann, Peter Nijkamp, Karen R. Polenske, Komei Sasaki, Luc Soete, Olav Spilling, Paula E. Stephan, Lois Stevenson, Robert Stimson, David Storey, Roger R. Stough, Bart Verspagen, Dao Zhi Zeng and Yongda Yu.

Contributions by these plenary keynote speakers of the past played catalytic roles in forging fresh links among research topics, between scholars and senior and junior researchers, and pushed the frontiers forward.



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## The organisation of the symposium

### Structure

The 12th Uddevalla Symposium 2009 will have the following structure.

**Keynote sessions:** Mornings up to lunch are set aside for 3-4 plenary keynote contributions of prominent scholars.

**Parallel 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.

### Keynote speakers 2009

Prof. Vito Albino, Politecnico di Bari, Italy

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Blum, Institute of Economic Research (IWH) Halle, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

Prof. Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Prof. Börje Johansson, Jönköping International Business School & CESIS, Sweden

Prof. Robert Picard, Jönköping Int. Business School, Sweden

Prof. Karen R. Polenske, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA

Prof. Roger R. Stough, George Mason University, USA

### Venue

The venue of the symposium is at the **Politecnico di Bari**, which is located in Bari at the southeast coast of Italy.

### Publications

Leading-edge contributions from the previous symposia have appeared in special issues of prestigious journals and nine edited book volumes. This symposium will follow the same practice. In addition to the *Uddevalla Symposium Proceedings*, a similar effort for publication of a coordinated set of articles in book volumes and journals with high impact will be adopted for the 12<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium 2009. For a selected list of publications of previous symposia, please see [www.symposium.hv.se](http://www.symposium.hv.se)

### 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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### Submission Information

**Submission deadline for Abstracts** is: **January 21, 2009**

Abstract – maximum 800 words including:

1. Title of the paper
2. Theme (choose one of the list above)
3. Keywords
4. Name(s) and academic title of the author(s)
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**Results of the review process** will be communicated to authors by approximately

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**Submission Deadline for Complete Papers** accepted for presentation (in Word 6.0):

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

For further information, please visit the symposium website [www.symposium.hv.se](http://www.symposium.hv.se) or feel free to contact the Uddevalla Symposium co-ordinator: Ms Iréne Bernhard, MSc. University West, Trollhättan, Sweden, [irene.bernhard@hv.se](mailto:irene.bernhard@hv.se)

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