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## Call for Papers

20<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium 2017 on:  
***Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Industrial Dynamics in  
Internationalized Regional Economies***

**June 15-17, 2017**

Venue: University West, Trollhättan, Sweden

**Abstract Submission Deadline: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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### The theme of the 20<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium

It is in today's global economy well established that innovation and entrepreneurship are fundamental drivers for

- New firm formation, firm growth and vitality, productivity and competitiveness of firms
- Industrial dynamics, structural change and renewal of economies at all levels – local, regional, national and international
- Economic growth and the standard of living

It is also well established that the rate of innovation and entrepreneurship exhibits substantial spatial variation over all types of spatial units – localities, cities, regions or nations. In other words, innovation and entrepreneurship is localized. Regional scientists have in recent decades and against the background of increasing globalization devoted much time and energy to study the causes of these spatial variations as well as their effects for firms, regions and nations. One interesting and important issue has been whether these spatial differences decrease, stay constant or increases over time.

The overall aim of the 20<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium is to encourage researchers to present high-quality contributions that bring new theoretical and/or new empirical knowledge concerning the above issues. A key theme of the symposium is how and why the conditions, the frequency, the nature and the effects of innovation and entrepreneurship vary across different types of regions in terms of size, density and degree of internationalization. Improved knowledge of these questions is crucial for the understanding of the overall geography of innovation, entrepreneurship, industrial dynamics and economic growth and what national and regional policies that may affect innovation and entrepreneurship.





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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 relevant topics of includes:



- Regional size and density and the rates and types of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Geographies of innovating firms and their innovation strategies
- Exports, imports and innovation
- Innovation radicalness and its links to regional resources
- Innovation persistence and its links to regional resources
- Innovation and firm performance in different regional contexts
- Innovation and local community collaboration
- Spatial sorting of innovative firms and highly-skilled employees
- Path creation, industrial dynamics and economic renewal
- The effects of innovation, ICT and industrial dynamics on the demand for labour with different skills
- Tomorrow's work tasks and occupations in the digital society
- Regional institutions and social capital and their effects on innovation and entrepreneurship
- Industry structures, functional specializations and clusters as determinants of regional innovation and entrepreneurship propensities
- The process of innovation, including its relevant inputs, learning and measurable outcomes, in firms and/or industries across regions of varying size and density
- The role of regional industrial heritage and culture on current innovation and entrepreneurship behavior
- Opportunity- and necessity-based entrepreneurship in different regional contexts
- The role of multi-national firms and FDIs for regional innovation and entrepreneurship
- Impacts of national and regional policies on innovation and entrepreneurship
- The impact of innovation and entrepreneurship on regional disparities and convergence
- The role of political entrepreneurship for innovation and entrepreneurship
- The role of incubators and technology and science parks for innovation and entrepreneurship
- Urban dynamics

We welcome the submission of papers to:

**I. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Industrial Dynamics in Internationalized Regional Economies**

*Or* to one of the following special sessions:

**II. Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Development Policy: National and Regional**

*Chair: Prof. Roger Stough, George Mason University, USA*

**III. Governance and Political Entrepreneurship in Europe's Economic Crisis** (more information on [www.symposium.hv.se](http://www.symposium.hv.se))

*Chairs: Dr. Daniel Silander, Linneaus University, Sweden, Charlotte Silander Linneaus University, Sweden and Assoc. Prof. Per Assmo, University West, Trollhättan, Sweden.*

**IV. Regional and Local Implications of the Renewal and Structural Change of the International Economies. Implications on Conditions of Living and Development in Non-Metropolitan Regions** (more information on [www.symposium.hv.se](http://www.symposium.hv.se))

*Chairs: Prof. Andreas P. Cornett & Assoc. Prof. Nils Karl Sörensen, Dep. Of Business & Economics, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg, Denmark.*

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- XI. **Urban Economics**  
*Chair: Johan Lundberg, PhD, President RSAS, Department of Economics, Umeå School of Business and Economics, Umeå University, Sweden*
- XII. **Urban History**  
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## Objectives

Following the tradition established by the previous Uddevalla symposia, starting in 1998, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary 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 twentieth Uddevalla Symposium 2017 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.

## Publications

Leading-edge contributions from the previous symposia have appeared in so far eight special issues of prestigious journals and fifteen edited book volumes with additional three in the pipelines. 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 as in the past. In addition to an Uddevalla Symposium Proceedings, we are considering publishing 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2017](#)**

Abstract – maximum 500 words including:

*Title of the abstract/paper, selected theme (choose from the list above numbered from I to XIII.), 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: [2017uddsymp@hv.se](mailto:2017uddsymp@hv.se)*

Submit the abstract using the Word 2010 version of Microsoft. We suggest naming your file "PRESENTERS NAME\_Uddevalla2017.docx" to avoid confusion between abstracts.

Results of the review process will be communicated to authors by approximately

**[February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017](#)**

**Submission Deadline for Complete Papers accepted for presentation (in Word 2013 or earlier version):**

**[May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017](#)**





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## The organisation of the symposium

The 20<sup>th</sup> Uddevalla Symposium 2016 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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