

# ***Call for Papers***

**Entrepreneurship, Gender and Structural  
Transformation Network**

## ***Second Research Seminar:***

# **Interdependency of (Women) Entrepreneurship and regional development**

6 November 2013

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg, Germany

**Deadline to submit your abstract: 4 October 2013**

**Deadline for registration: 15 October 2013**

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## ***The Second Research Seminar - Call for Papers***

This network seeks to build a sustainable group of European and other key international experts (young scientists as well as established researchers and practitioners) from different disciplines and methodological perspectives with the objective of identifying gaps in research in the areas of gender, entrepreneurship and structural transformation. The meetings will be a starting point and will be opened to researchers from diverse countries and regions. The interdisciplinary and international composition of the network coordinators and anticipated participants will enable the development of new and innovative research designs to find solutions for the problem that the entrepreneurial discourse is still gendered and is still ignoring regional and structural barriers and conditions. The planned outcome will be the development of multi-disciplinary models to explain how entrepreneurship has been developed in industrial heartlands and how it – in particular from a gender perspective - influences/contributes to structural transformation. As such, it will contribute to the debate on entrepreneurship, SMEs and innovation in Europe and worldwide.

The **second** seminar is going to focus two selected aspects of the general theme “Entrepreneurship, Gender and Structural Transformation” as an outcome of the first seminar. The embedding of the aspects in the general topic of the network is explicitly requested. Theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. We are happy to receive abstracts on your research findings as well as idea sketches on methods and perspectives to deal with the below mentioned questions as well as collections of research questions or research gaps.

### **(Women) entrepreneurship from a regional perspective/ concerning regional aspects**

- Regional discourses on entrepreneurship
- Discourses on entrepreneurship, self-employment and entrepreneurial thinking and activity
- Gendered policies and the effects on women entrepreneurship
- Culture of entrepreneurship in transforming regions/ in economic change
- Promotion of entrepreneurship

### **New Approaches of Entrepreneurship Education**

The second focus is Entrepreneurial Education. Within regions the promotion of entrepreneurship and the building up of entrepreneurial eco-systems is often directly related to the higher education institutions within the specific region and their outcome of highly-qualified graduates and potential founders.

- Entrepreneurial Education – how does it work?
- Objectives and content of Entrepreneurial Education for
  - o (specific) target groups
  - o transformative regions
- Educational design, teaching arrangements, innovative methods, learning location
- Train the trainer – qualification of teaching staff
- Institutional involvement in Entrepreneurship Education
- Impact of Entrepreneurial Education and measurement of outcomes

The seminar will be held on **6<sup>th</sup> November 2013, University of Duisburg – Essen**. For the evening of November 5<sup>th</sup> the organisers are planning an informal meeting for all, who are interested.

Presentations and relevant information will also be made available electronically at <http://entrepreneurgendertransformation.wordpress.com/> and further outlets for publication and dissemination are also going to be planned.

### ***Guest speaker:***

***Professor em. Dr Franz Lehner, Research Fellow at the Institut Arbeit und Technik (IAT)/ Institute for Work and Technology, University of Applied Sciences Gelsenkirchen***

### ***Submitting an abstract***

All interested scholars, PhD students and practitioners are invited to submit, by email, a paper proposal (abstract) or idea sketch up to 500 words by 4th October 2013 to the Research Network's organisers at: [katrin\\_jansen@uni-due.de](mailto:katrin_jansen@uni-due.de), Katrin Jansen, University of Duisburg-Essen. Abstracts must include full contact details. Applicants will be notified whether they have a place by 15th October 2013.

### ***Participation costs and Bursaries***

Participation to the Research Network Seminar is free.

A limited number of bursaries funded by the **Regional Studies Association** are available to assist with travel expenses. Financial support must be requested at the time of the abstract's submission. [In order to obtain the bursary you need to be a member of the Regional Studies Association.](#) In addition,

#### **Bursaries are only available to the following categories of members**

- any student member of RSA
- any early career member of RSA
- any associate (retired) member of RSA
- any member working in a Band B, C or D country

For the purposes of clarity only Student and Early Career members in Band A may obtain a bursary, members in any other category of Band A are not eligible. Any claim for expenses being made by a corporate member (Bands B, C and D only) should note that their expenses can only be refunded to the organisation holding the corporate membership. Participants from Europe will be able to claim up to € 100.00, participants from other countries will be able to claim up to €200.00. The award of bursaries will be made on the basis of the expected benefits deriving from the participation to the seminar by the applicant. If you are interested in applying for a bursary please send a short biographical profile and a paragraph explaining how you think attending or presenting at the seminar would benefit you.

We are looking forward to your submissions and to hearing from your inspiring research in Duisburg.