

# *Call for Papers*

Entrepreneurship, Gender and Structural  
Transformation Network

***First Research Seminar:***

**Women Entrepreneurs,  
Training and Education**

23 April 2013

University of Birmingham, Brussels Office

**Deadline to submit your abstract: 31st January 2013**

**Deadline for registration: 30 March 2013**

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<http://entrepreneurgendertransformation.wordpress.com/>

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## ***The First 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 influences/contributes to structural transformation. As such, it will contribute to the debate on entrepreneurship, SMEs and innovation in Europe and worldwide.

This first seminar will take a broad focus on women's experiences of entrepreneurship. Papers are invited that address any of the following themes:

- Women's experience of setting up a business
- The impact of training and education initiatives on women entrepreneurs
- The barriers and enablers to women's entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship as a form of career
- Identity and authenticity in entrepreneurial decision making
- Women's entrepreneurship across industrial sectors
- Women's entrepreneurship across regions and countries

The seminar will be held on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, University of Birmingham – Brussels Office.**

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.

***Keynote speakers: Professor Susan Marlow, University of Nottingham***

***Professor Helle Neergard, University of Aarhus***

***Dr Sally Jones, University of Leeds***

## ***Submitting an abstract***

All interested scholars, PhD students and practitioners are invited to submit, by email, a paper proposal (abstract) of around 1,000 words by **31st January 2013** to the Research Network's organisers at: [ab4052@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:ab4052@coventry.ac.uk), Dr Carmela Bosangit, Coventry University

Abstracts must include full contact details. You should also specify if you are submitting to present at the PhD and Young Researchers Workshop or at the seminar. Applicants will be notified whether they have a place by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

## ***Participation costs***

Participation to the Research Network Seminar is free.

## ***Bursaries***

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 Brussels.