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WORKSHOP ON

Entrepreneurship, knowledge and economic growth

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OBJECTIVE

While knowledge plays a critical role in economic development, our understanding of how it is created, diffused and converted into growth, is still fragmented and partial. In the link between knowledge and growth phenomena like 'organization' be it industrial, managerial, locational or regional, human capital and innovation play their roles. More and more, entrepreneurship is seen as indispensable to explain the role these phenomena play. Entrepreneurship, however, is a multifaceted concept despite the fact that the entrepreneur is often viewed to be the true 'agent of change'.

The essential contribution of the proposed workshop is to shed light on the micro foundation of the role that entrepreneurship plays in the various views and interpretations of the link between knowledge, its creation and economic growth. These views and interpretations are often confined to specific fields within economics and related disciplines which are as diverse as evolutionary, entrepreneurial, institutional and regional economics, economic geography, endogenous growth, industrial dynamics, strategic management, and development economics. We want to bring together leading scholars in these fields to discuss and exchange views on the specific role of entrepreneurship and to build bridges over the boundaries of the specific approaches.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (confirmed)

Philippe Aghion, Harvard University
David Audretsch, Indiana University

OPEN PAPER SESSIONS

Papers on the following topics are warmly invited:

- entrepreneurship and "the entrepreneur" in modern theories of economic growth
- long-run relationship between entrepreneurship, economic growth and productivity
- knowledge context and the discovery of entrepreneurial opportunities
- regional variation in new firm formation: determinants and consequences
- impact of academic entrepreneurship on innovation and growth
- growth and failure of knowledge-based start-ups
- social and institutional aspects of entrepreneurship
- policy options for promoting entrepreneurship and innovation

DEADLINES

Please e-mail abstracts (500–1000 characters) to workshop_entrepreneurship@ifw-kiel.de as either a Word or PDF file attachment. All abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **January 15, 2010**
Notification of acceptance: **February 15, 2010**
Deadline for submission of papers: **March 15, 2010**

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee is 200,- €, except for DIME members with accepted papers.

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