

High-Quality Entrepreneurship

Call for papers to be presented at special sessions of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress, August 19-23, 2010 in Jönköping, Sweden

Theoretical considerations as well as recent empirical analyses suggest that it is particularly high-quality entrepreneurship, i.e. ambitious, well prepared, knowledge-intensive and innovative start-ups that may have a stimulating effect on growth. I invite papers for presentation at special sessions of the ERSA 2010 conference that deal with high-quality entrepreneurship in a spatial context. This includes topics such as:

- Survival and growth of new businesses with different quality characteristics, e.g. innovative, ambitious, knowledge-intensive start-ups vs. replicative, non-ambitious new businesses.
- The founders of high-quality start-ups, their characteristics, motives and career history.
- Which (regional) factors determine the emergence of high-quality start-ups?
- Universities and research institutions as incubators of regional high-quality start-ups.
- Location decisions for high-quality start-ups. Which are the most relevant factors?
- The effects of high-quality start-ups on incumbent firms and on overall regional development.
- (Regional) Policy strategies to stimulate the emergence of high-quality new businesses.

Abstracts of paper proposed for the special sessions should be submitted electronically to Michael Fritsch (m.fritsch@uni-jena.de) until **January 10th, 2010**. Notification of acceptance will be given until March 1st. Full papers should be submitted before **May 25th, 2010**.

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