May 27th - 28th, 2024. 
Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain

The 7th Paper Development Seminar (7PDS) aims to help participants develop research results into papers that may be suitable for publication in top-tier academic journals. The 7PDS is Co-organized with GEM-Spain (Observatorio del Emprendimiento de España, www.gem-spain.com).

More info: http://www.esu-network.eu/events/7pds-sevilla-2024/

Papers/proposals applying a process perspective to entrepreneurship are welcome. We are open to any contributions analysing the entrepreneurial process, may they be conceptual or empirical and, in this latter case, using quantitative (ideally longitudinal, but also cross-sectional) and/or qualitative methods.

Additionally, the 7PDS is associated with the InsEnt SIGs “Institutions and Entrepreneurship Special Interest Group” at ECSB (https://ecsb.org/insent-sig/). A special session will be devoted to the role of Institutions in Entrepreneurship.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Those deemed of highest potential by the organizing committee will be invited to participate. Selected participants will be offered the opportunity to submit a full paper (if they did not do so initially). Extended abstracts may also be presented at the seminar. The objective is to develop a productive and intimate work environment. For this reason, we will limit the number of proposals/papers to be accepted into the seminar to a maximum of 20.

Sponsors

The European Council for Small Business (ECSB) supports the 7th Paper Development Seminar in Entrepreneurship Process Research through the ECSB Event Fund initiative. This 7PDS is also a co-branded ECSB event. The ECSB will award a free one-year membership to the presenting author of the best paper/proposal presented at the 7PDS as well as a fast-track submission to the RENT2024 Conference.

“Tomas de Mercado” Institute for Research in Economics and Business, University of Seville. IUSEN brings together the centre’s most prominent researchers in their respective lines of research, some of whom enjoy considerable international recognition.

E&I “Entrepreneurship and Innovation” Research Group (Ref. SEJ-689), University of Seville. E&I carries out world-class research in the fields of entrepreneurship, new venture creation, entrepreneurship education, innovation, technology change, and their interplay.
Seminar Programme

Monday May 27th, 2024

08:30-09:00  Registration and accreditation
09:00-09:15  Opening session: Welcome from the organizers
09:15-10:15  Plenary session: Prof. David Audretsch
10:15-10:30  Coffee Break
10:30-13:00  Participants' presentations
13:00-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:00  Plenary session: Prof. David Urbano & Christina Theodoraki
15:00-15:15  Coffee Break
15:15-17:15  Participants' presentations: Institutions and Entrepreneurship
             (InsEnt SIG Session)

19:00-22:00  Cultural Visit and Seminar Dinner

Tuesday May 28th, 2024

09:00-10:00  Plenary session: Profs. Sarah Jack
10:00-10:15  Coffee Break
10:15-13:00  Participants' presentations
13:00-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:00  Round table: Interesting Research Questions in Entrepreneurship
             Prof. David Audretsch, Sarah Jack, Christina Theodoraki & David Urbano
15:00-15:30  Closing up and Best Paper Award ceremony
Invited speakers

We are honoured to have the participation of the following academics (in alphabetical order)

**DAVID AUDRETSCH**

is a Distinguished Professor and the Ameritech Chair of Economic Development at Indiana University, where he also serves as director of the Institute for Development Strategies. Audretsch has served as an advisory board member to a number of international research and policy institutes. He is co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Small Business Economics*.

**SARAH JACK**

is the Director of the SSES Centre and Professor at the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) and the first holder of the Jacob and Marcus Wallenberg Chair in Sustainable and Innovative Entrepreneurial Development at SSE. She is also a Professor at the Department: Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Lancaster University. She is associate editor of *Entrepreneurship & Regional Development*, and editor of *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice*.

**CHRISTINA THEODORAKI**

is an Associate professor in Entrepreneurship & Strategy at TBS Education. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Development Strategies at SPEA at the University of Indiana and Business Development Manager of the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Research Network. She is Editor of *Small Business Economics* and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Small Business Management*.

**DAVID URBANO**

is a Professor of Entrepreneurship at Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB) and ICREA-Academia Research Fellow. He is also Director at the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Research (CREIS). He is Associate Editor of *Small Business Economics* and Consulting Editor at the *International Small Business Journal*. He is also a member of the Board of Directors in the European Council of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB).
Submission instructions

The **deadline** for the submission of papers/proposals is **January 31st, 2024**. There is no specific format or template to follow. However, please note:

- For full papers, a maximum of 8000 words (main text) is established.
- For proposals, a minimum of 1500 words is required, including aims, theoretical framework, methodology and be findings (if applicable), implications and contribution.

**Submissions** will be made through the following link:

https://forms.gle/AmFsp7ivV6Yz2UTg7

If you have any questions, please contact us on entrepreneurs@us.es

The proposals will be evaluated by the organizing committee with the help of external reviewers, if needed. On **February 28th, 2024, decision letters** will be sent to submitting authors.

Authors of the accepted papers / proposals are encouraged to submit a more **developed version** by **April 30th, 2024**, although this is not required. The papers/proposals will be presented orally by the authors in the allocated time, followed by some time for Q&A.

All submissions will be presented to the audience and the invited speakers. The authors will receive general comments, specific clarifications and suggestions from the academics that make up the panel of experts in entrepreneurship. This highly qualified feedback will allow authors to improve their manuscripts in order to getting published in top academic journals in the field of entrepreneurship.

Registration

Thanks to the generous support of the ECSB, the **registration fee** can be kept to the moderate rate of **175€** per participant. Information on how to register and pay will be provided to the authors of accepted papers/proposals together with decision letters (February 28th, 2024).
See you in Seville ; )

Organizing Committee

Inmaculada Jaén (Chair), Francisco Liñán, José Fernández-Serrano & Pedro Baena-Luna (University of Seville)

For any questions regarding the seminar organization, please contact: entrepreneurs@us.es