



31<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the  
European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) on  
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does Europe stand today? What is new in economics?”**

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EAEPE Research Area E[2]  
on **“Entrepreneurship and Theory of the Firm”**  
**Call for papers**

**Abstract submission deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

The *Entrepreneurship and Theory of the Firm* research area of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) is pleased to announce its call for papers to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in Warsaw this year. This research area is dedicated to providing a forum for the presentation of theoretical and empirical approaches, as well as substantive concerns, related to entrepreneurship and the existence, creation and evolution of firms.

In light of this year’s conference, in addition to its general research themes [E\[2\] Research Area](#) would like to invite papers that would explore entrepreneurship as an activity that represents a possible missing link between technology, knowledge and economic growth. We would particularly encourage contributions that examine connections between entrepreneurial activity and innovation and explore how they can affect economic growth by taking into account that the social and economic mechanisms shaping evolutionary trends in entrepreneurship are not linear in nature, operating differently in distinct locations under diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. We also invite contributions on the impact and efficiency of public policies and institutions on entrepreneurship.

In that vein, the research area coordinators would suggest several basic guiding questions for papers; however, potential contributors should not feel limited to these suggestions:

- *There is a need to better understand the processes underlying entrepreneurial growth:*
  - Why are some entrepreneurs more motivated than others to grow their firms?
  - How do entrepreneurs access and configure the appropriate bundles of resources and capabilities to achieve growth?
  - How do entrepreneurs’ cognitive processes and experience-based learning interact with different institutional environments to facilitate growth?
- *Local entrepreneurship and Global Value Chains (GVCs). There are challenges and but also opportunities for local firms to upgrade by joining GVCs:*
  - How new local knowledge-intensive firms can emerge and evolve in GVCs?
  - What are the prospects of local firms’ upgrading with respect to the value chain governance?
  - How firm capabilities and the institutional framework affect the upgrading of local companies linked to GVCs?
- *Social innovation and social entrepreneurship. There is a need to develop a shared understanding of not only what is meant by “social innovation”, but also its links with social entrepreneurship:*



- How social innovations differ from business innovations? Is there an overlap and if so what is the role that commercial organisations in developing social innovations?
- What is the role of actors (e.g. professional bodies, government agencies, research centers) involved in networks supporting social innovation and entrepreneurship?

**Please submit your abstract over the EAEPE website (<http://eaepe.org>) by April 1st 2019 indicating that your paper is intended for Research Area [E2] on the appropriate tent menu!**

Paper abstracts should be between 300-600 words in length.

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