

The Economics of Entrepreneurship and the Demography of Firms and Industries

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Recently, the impact of formation, growth and exit of firms on innovation and structural change of an economy, as well as on the creation of employment has attracted increasing attention in the scientific literature. At the same time, an increasing body of literature analyses the origins of these firm demographic variables, such as entrepreneurship or industry life cycle.

The aim of this workshop is to discuss recent scientific contributions to the understanding of causes and implications of firm formation, growth and exit. It will focus on recent theoretic and econometric studies. An applied workshop will be organized on *The Venture Capital Market, Two Years after The Gold Rush*. Papers are invited that deal with one or more of the following topics:

- Innovation and young firms
- Schumpeterian innovative regimes and its implications on firm formation, growth or exit
- The industry life cycle and its relation to firm formation, growth and shake-out
- Entrepreneurship and implications
- Academic entrepreneurship
- Organisational change and firm growth
- Human capital, funding gap and start-up
- Formal and informal venture capital
- The internationalisation of young firms
- The impact of public funding
- Regional clustering and social capital

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Registration: Deadline for submission of full papers is the 15th of June 2002. Decision on acceptance will be made by 15th of July 2002. Electronic submission of papers in Post Script, PDF or MS Word format is encouraged, however submission by surface mail is equally accepted. Please use the address given below.

The number of participants is limited. The conference fee is € 200, covering participation, luncheons and a conference dinner. For participants who present a paper, travel expenses (APEX fare), accommodation and conference fee will be covered by the ZEW. Speakers might be asked to discuss another paper. Participants who do not intend to submit a paper are requested to register not later than September 14, 2002. They will be accepted on a first come – first served basis.

For further information concerning the conference and accommodation, please refer to the address given below. Papers and other information on the conference will be made available on the conference web page.

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