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17th Regional Innovation Policies Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

REGIONAL CHANGE
- EXPANDING RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

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**JÖNKÖPING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL
CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SPATIAL ECONOMICS (CENSE)**

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The Regional Innovation Policies Conference has for soon two decades been an essential arena for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to meet around questions related to regional innovation, regional development, and innovation policy. The next meeting will take place at the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Spatial Economics (CENSE) at Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping, Sweden, which is a knowledge hub of entrepreneurship, regional growth, and renewal.

The theme of the 17th edition of the conference is "Regional Change-expanding research, policy, and practice". Regions and firms have long faced complex global competition, which has affected their growth potential, while also having expectations to handle social, economic, and ecological sustainability. In recent years, the world has been characterized by a pandemic, a war in Ukraine, and a subsequent economic recession. This has left a deep mark on the world economy and has accelerated the challenges regions and firms face at present.

In times of crisis and accelerating challenges, innovation, and renewal are key to creating new opportunities for growth. However, this type of reallocation of resources, and unleashing of creativity puts pressure on existing national and regional innovation systems. Policymakers are called to enhance the functioning of the system and to inspire radically new trajectories addressing these intensified challenges in the short, medium, and long-run perspectives. From this perspective, incentives for breakthrough inventions as well as exaptation opportunities may be boosted through different forms of collaboration and networking activities. That implies new and strengthened linkages between different parts of the innovation system but also between growing regions and those behind.

Call for papers

We welcome abstract submissions related to regional innovation policy, in relation, but not limited, to the following themes:

- Innovation in time of crisis: outcome, determinants, and likelihood.
- Knowledge accessibility, competence provision and innovation.
- The role of innovations for sustainable development (social, economic, or environmental).
- Regional aspects of entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Geography of innovation.
- Innovation in different institutional contexts.
- Digitalization in a regional context.
- Evaluation of innovation policies.

We encourage and welcome submissions from scholars, practitioners, innovators, and leaders who form strategies related to sustainable regional development. We welcome contributions that develop innovative approaches in analysis, concepts, theory, and/or methods, and could have relevance to form future general as well as place-specific strategies for regional growth.

Submission Guidelines

- Extended abstract should contain a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1.500 words. Extended abstracts can contain figures, tables and/or images, which are not included in the word count.
- The entire submission must be in one document created in Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf)

Registration opens in February.



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We look forward to meeting you in Jönköping!

