

Workshop on
The Economics of Entrepreneurship: Bringing the Entrepreneur back into Economics

Venice International University, San Servolo, **24–25 July**

PROGRAMME

Friday, 24 July 2015

09:15 – 09:30 **Welcome & Introduction**

09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Lecture**
Black and White: Access to Capital Among Minority-Owned Start-ups
ROBERT FAIRLIE (University of California, Santa Cruz)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

Session 1 Regional Variation in Entrepreneurship

11:00 – 11:45 **The Effect of Regional Entrepreneurship Culture on Economic Development: Evidence for Germany**
MICHAEL WYRWICH (University of Jena)

11:45 – 12:30 **Lifting the Iron Curtain: How Systemic Shock Brings up Entrepreneurial Intentions**
ROBERT GOLD (Kiel Institute for the World Economy)

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Agglomeration and Entrepreneurship
WILLIAM STRANGE (University of Toronto)

15:00 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

Session 2 Individual Characteristics and Entrepreneurship

15:45 – 16:30 **Unobserved Ability and Entrepreneurship**
JUSTIN TUMLINSON (Ifo Institute, Munich)

16:30 – 17:15 **The Right Stuff? Personality and Entrepreneurship**
NICHOLAS PAPAGEORGE (Johns Hopkins University)

17:15 – 18:00 **Entrepreneurial Decision Making, Personality Traits, and Subjective Learning**
ALEXANDER KONON (German Institute for Economic Research - DIW Berlin)

19:30 *Conference Dinner on San Servolo*

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Saturday, 25 July 2015

Session 3
Credit Constraints and Entrepreneurship

09:00 – 09:45 **The Limits of Lending: Banks and Technology Adoption across Russia**
RALPH DE HAAS (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

09:45 – 10:30 **What if Firms Could Borrow More? Evidence from a Natural Experiment**
CHRISTIAN THOMANN (Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

Session 4
Risk and Entrepreneurship

11:00 – 11:45 **Mortgage Debt and Entrepreneurship**
OLMO SILVA (London School of Economics)

11:45 – 12:30 **Why Entrepreneurs Choose Risky R&D Projects - But Still Not Risky Enough**
LARS PERSSON (Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Sweden)

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 14:30 **Keynote Lecture**
Social Networks, Ethnicity and Entrepreneurship
WILLIAM KERR (Harvard Business School)

14:30 – 14:45 *Coffee Break*

Session 5
Policy Interventions to Support Entrepreneurship

14:45 – 15:30 **The Long-Term Effects of Start-Up Subsidies and the Role of Personality Traits**
MARTIN WEISSENBERGER (University of Potsdam)

15:30 – 16:15 **Alleviating the Burden of Entrepreneurial Risk? Evidence from Two French Targeted Programs**
CLAIRE LELARGE (CREST)