

RICAFAE2 Second Conference

Regional Comparative Advantage and Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship

5 & 6 October 2007

**Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies
Stockholm School of Economics in Riga**

This is the Second Conference of the Regional Comparative Advantage and Knowledge-based Entrepreneurship (RICAFAE2) Research Programme, which was launched on the 1st March 2006 with funding from the European Commission. The RICAFAE2 will cover theoretical and empirical work on the ability of financial systems to provide financing for knowledge-based entrepreneurial firms, on the influence of venture capital on firms' ability to translate technological advances into successful products, and on the contribution of knowledge-based entrepreneurship to regional dynamics. Some of the topics to be discussed are:

- The choice between alternative sources of financing for innovative firms and their impact on strategic decisions in entrepreneurial firms;
- The determinants of knowledge-based entrepreneurship;
- Venture capital, its contribution to the knowledge-based economy;
- Economics of intellectual property rights and its implications for knowledge-based entrepreneurship;
- The role and design of financial contracts and of the choice of organizational form in fostering knowledge-based entrepreneurship;
- Effects of regulation on venture capital investment and on entrepreneurial dynamics;
- The impact of corporate governance mechanisms on the performance of entrepreneurial firm;
- The contribution of knowledge-based entrepreneurship to regional comparative advantage;

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RICAFAE2 Research Network: London School of Economics (FMG), the Department of Economics and Finance of Turin University, the Center for Financial Studies (Frankfurt), HEC School of Management (Paris), University of Amsterdam, University of Tilburg, Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies, University of Lugano, Indian School of Business, Technion (Israel), and the Belgrade Laboratory for Quantitative Finance.

Programme

Friday 5 October

Registration opens at 8.45

- 09.00 Opening and welcome remarks**
Alf Vanags (BICEPS)
- 09.10 Innovation and the Performance of Technology Firms: Evidence from Initial Public Offerings in Germany**
Wolfgang Bessler (Justus-Liebig-University Giessen) and **Claudia Bittelmeyer** (Justus-Liebig-University Giessen)
Discussant: **Jorg Rocholl** (ESMT - European School of Management and Technology)
- 10.10 Coffee break
- 10.30 The speed of technology adoption with imperfect information in equity markets**
Katrin Tinn (SITE/Stockholm School of Economics)
Discussant: **Arina Nikandrova** (Cambridge University)
- 11.30 Firm Entry Dynamics and the Taxation of Corporate Profits: Evidence from European firm-level data**
Marco Da Rin (Tilburg University, ECGI and IGIER), **Marina Di Giacomo** (Universita di Torino) and **Alessandro Sembenelli** (Universita di Torino)
Discussant: **Jose Mata** (New University of Lisbon)
- 12.30 Lunch**
- 14.00 The role of venture capital in the new member states – policy panel**
Dairis Cālītis (Latvian Venture Capital Association)
Krišjānis Zariņš (Latvian Guarantee Agency)
Marcus Svedberg (East Capital)
Alf Vanags (BICEPS)
Tarvo Tamm (Connect Estonia)
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.45 Patents and the Survival of Internet-related IPOs**
Stefan Wagner (INNOtec, LMU Munich) and **Iain Cockburn** (BU, NBER)
Discussant: **Fabio Bertoni** (DIG Dipartimento di Ingegneria Gestionale)
- 16.45 Entrepreneurial Innovations, Competition and Competition Policy**
Lars Persson (Research Institute of Industrial Economics – IFN) and **Pehr-Johan Norbäck** (Research Institute of Industrial Economics -IFN)
Discussant: **Catherine Casamatta** (Toulouse University)

Saturday 6 October

- 09.00** **Financially constrained innovation, patent protection, and industry dynamics**
Javier Suarez (CEMFI) and **Gerard Llobet** (CEMFI)
Discussant: **Catherine Casamatta** (Toulouse University)
- 10.00** **Leverage and firm scope**
Giovanna Nicodano (Università di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto), **Elisa Luciano**
(Università di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto)
Discussant: **Julia Hirsch** (CFS)
- 11.00** **Success Breeds Success Locally: A Tale of Incubator Firms**
Eren Inci (Sabanci University)
Discussant: **Sudipto Bhattacharya** (LSE)
- 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.30** **Valuing University-based Firms**
Damiano Bonardo (University of Bergamo), **Stefano Paleari** (University of Bergamo)
and **Silvio Vismara** (University of Bergamo)
Discussant: **Eric Nowak** (University of Lugano and Swiss Finance Institute)
- 13.30** **Which Firms Benefit More from Financial Development?**
Jan Bena (FMG/LSE)
Discussant: **Yishay Yafeh** (Hebrew University)
- 14.30 Closing of the conference and lunch