

# Call for Papers

## MDE 2017

### The 3rd International Conference on Migration and Diaspora Entrepreneurship

Exploring Creative Solutions to Exploit the Migrants' Entrepreneurial Capacity -

**30 November – 01 December 2017**

**Bremen, Germany**

**Submission Deadline  
Extended!!**

#### Key Dates

Abstract submission: **10 September 2017**

Notification of Acceptance: **20 September 2017**

Early-bird Registration: **30 September 2017**

Final Registration Deadline: **15 October 2017**

#### Overview

The International Conference on Migration and Diaspora Entrepreneurship (MDE) is an annual conference. The conference aims at bringing together international researchers in different disciplines, practitioners and policy makers in order to develop better understanding of entrepreneurship in the context of migration and co-create better solutions for the modern society facing the most complex migration in the human history. The MDE facilitates a platform for interdisciplinary discussions from diverse perspectives.

#### Conference Structure

The main conference will be held on 30 November – 01 December 2017 in the Bremen City. On the first day, bachelor and master students will present their research projects in front of the conference participants. This student session will facilitate interactions between the young research faculties with fresh and creative ideas and the senior researchers with rich experience and expertise. After the student session, parallel sessions for paper presentations, workshops and keynote speeches will take place. The pre-conference will be organized on 29 November 2017 at the University of Bremen. Doctoral students who are accepted for the main conference can take part in the seminar.

<b>Pre-Conference</b>	29 Nov. 2017	Doctoral Seminar
<b>Main Conference</b>	30 Nov. – 01. Dec. 2017	Keynote Speeches Parallel Sessions (paper presentations) Student Session (Bachelor/Master Students) Workshops

#### Abstract Submission

The MDE Conference welcomes research papers on all aspects of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship (migration entrepreneurship, diaspora entrepreneurship, ethnic entrepreneurship, transnational entrepreneurship, returnee entrepreneurship, and refugee entrepreneurship). They can be conceptual in nature, literature reviews or, preferably, empirical papers (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods). Interdisciplinary perspectives are especially welcome. Also, governmental/private organizations supporting migrant, diaspora and refugee

entrepreneurs can submit an abstract to present their projects to the practical session. The focus topics of the MDE 2017 are as follows:

- Business models of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship
- The role of migrants and diasporans in entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Innovation and diaspora startups
- Migrant and diaspora entrepreneurship in different institutions
- Entrepreneurial diaspora in international business
- Opportunities and motivation of migrant and diaspora entrepreneurs
- Incubators and accelerators for migrants and refugees
- Co-working/Co-Living Concepts for migrant and diaspora entrepreneurs
- Refugee entrepreneurship in various forms
- Social entrepreneurship for refugees' integration
- Development of policy implications
- Methodological issues in migrant and diaspora entrepreneurship
- Practices in the field of migrant and diaspora entrepreneurship (practical session)

## Submission

Applicants are invited to submit abstracts in two of the following ways:

- 1) Submission to the academic/practical track
  - a. Title page with contact information of all the authors
  - b. An abstract of your paper consisting of no more than 800 words (without authors' names and contact information)
  - c. Please send your submission to [mde@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mde@uni-bremen.de) by 10 September 2017
- 2) Submission to the student track
  - a. Contact information of all the authors
  - b. An abstract of your paper/project consisting of no more than 500 words
  - c. Please send your submission to [mde@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mde@uni-bremen.de) by 30 September 2017
- 3) Workshop Proposal:
  - a. A proposal should consist of no more than 800 words
  - b. Please send your submission to [mde@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mde@uni-bremen.de) by 10 September 2017

## Conference Fee

	Early-Bird Registration	Regular Registration
Senior researchers and practitioners	220 Euro	280 Euro
PhD students	130 Euro	180 Euro
Bachelor and master students	50 Euro	80 Euro

## Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Aki Harima via E-Mail ([mde@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mde@uni-bremen.de)). You can find updated information about the conference on the official homepage <http://mde-conference.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MDEconference/>.

## Organizers

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