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

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.

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<th>29 Nov. 2017</th>
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<td>Keynote Speeches, Parallel Sessions (paper presentations), Student Session (Bachelor/Master Students), Workshops</td>
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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 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 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 by 10 September 2017

**Conference Fee**

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<td>Senior researchers and practitioners</td>
<td>220 Euro</td>
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<td>Bachelor and master students</td>
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**Contact Information**

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

**Organizers**

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