



## Call for Papers

### 2nd International Conference on Migration & Diaspora Entrepreneurship (MDE2016)

- Challenges and Potential Solutions -  
Bremen, Germany | 28 - 29 November, 2016

#### Short Description

The 2nd International Conference on Migration and Diaspora Entrepreneurship (MDE) aims at a better understanding of challenges and potential solutions in the realm of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship. Migration paths become more and more important and modern nations tend to be or become transnational societies. As migrants and diasporans often act as risk-taking entrepreneurs, innovators and investors, they create a flow of financial capital and human capital such as knowledge and information by exploring and exploiting transnational entrepreneurial opportunities.

Migration and diaspora entrepreneurship is, by nature, a highly heterogeneous and complex phenomenon, as it is embedded in different societies, cultures and persons as well as collective history. The MDE Conference enables an interdisciplinary debate that examines various aspects of their entrepreneurial activities and involves international researchers, practitioners, policy makers and students. The conference facilitates unique student sessions where bachelor and master students can share progresses and results of their research projects on the related topics in order to give early-stage researchers chances to exchange opinions with researchers and practitioners from all over the world and to include their novel ways of thinking and creativity into discussions. The conference was started with the series of 'ZenTra workshops on migration and diaspora entrepreneurship' (2013-2014), predecessors of the MDE Conference, which took a huge step to create a research community in this field.

The 1st International Conference on Migration and Diaspora Entrepreneurship was held in December 2015. 67 people from 25 countries joined this conference in December 2015 in Bremen. A unique combination of keynote speeches, paper presentations by international academicians, research- and practice-oriented projects presented by students as well as a panel discussion with policy-makers, researchers and practitioners on the topic of refugee entrepreneurship made significant contributions to the research progress on migration and diaspora entrepreneurship. The conference report for the MDE2015 can be found under the following link: [http://www.mde-conference.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/MDE2015\\_Conference-Report1.pdf](http://www.mde-conference.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/MDE2015_Conference-Report1.pdf).

## Call for Abstracts

The MDE Conference welcomes research papers on all aspects of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship (Migration entrepreneurship, diaspora entrepreneurship, ethnic entrepreneurship, transnational entrepreneurship and refugee entrepreneurship). They can be conceptual in nature, literature reviews or empirical papers (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods). Interdisciplinary perspectives are especially welcome. The focus topics of the MDE 2016 are as follows:

- Entrepreneurial opportunity exploration and exploitation of migration and diaspora entrepreneurs
- Business model/structure/mechanism of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship
- Chances and challenges of refugee entrepreneurship
- Diaspora innovation
- Entrepreneurial motivation of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship
- Governance of diaspora business
- Institutions and migration and diaspora entrepreneurship
- The role of family and culture in migration and diaspora entrepreneurship
- The role of migrants and diasporans in entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Development of policy implications
- Research methodology in migration and diaspora entrepreneurship

## Key Dates

Abstract submission (main conference): 15 July 2016

Selection notification: 15 August 2016

Full Paper Submission: 31 October 2016

Conference Dates: 28 -29 November 2016

## Key Dates for Student Sessions

Abstract submission (student sessions): 30 September 2016

Selection notification (student sessions): 15 October 2016

Conference Date: 28 November 2016



## Submission

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

- 1) Submission to the academic 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 **15 July 2016**
  
- 2) Submission to the student sessions
  - 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 2016**

## Conference Fee

The fee for the conference is, thanks to our generous supporters, 80 Euros for researchers, policy makers and practitioners (incl. PhD students) and 30 Euros for master and bachelor students. Light lunch and coffee during the conference will be provided. Dinner is not included.

### Conference Organizers

Prof. Dr. Jörg Freiling (University of Bremen)  
Aki Harima (University of Bremen)  
Dr. Mario Elo (Turku School of Economics)

### Contact

Aki Harima  
LEMEX, Chair in Small Business & Entrepreneurship  
University of Bremen  
<http://www.mde-conference.com/>  
E-mail: [mde@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mde@uni-bremen.de)



*We are looking forward  
to your submissions!*