

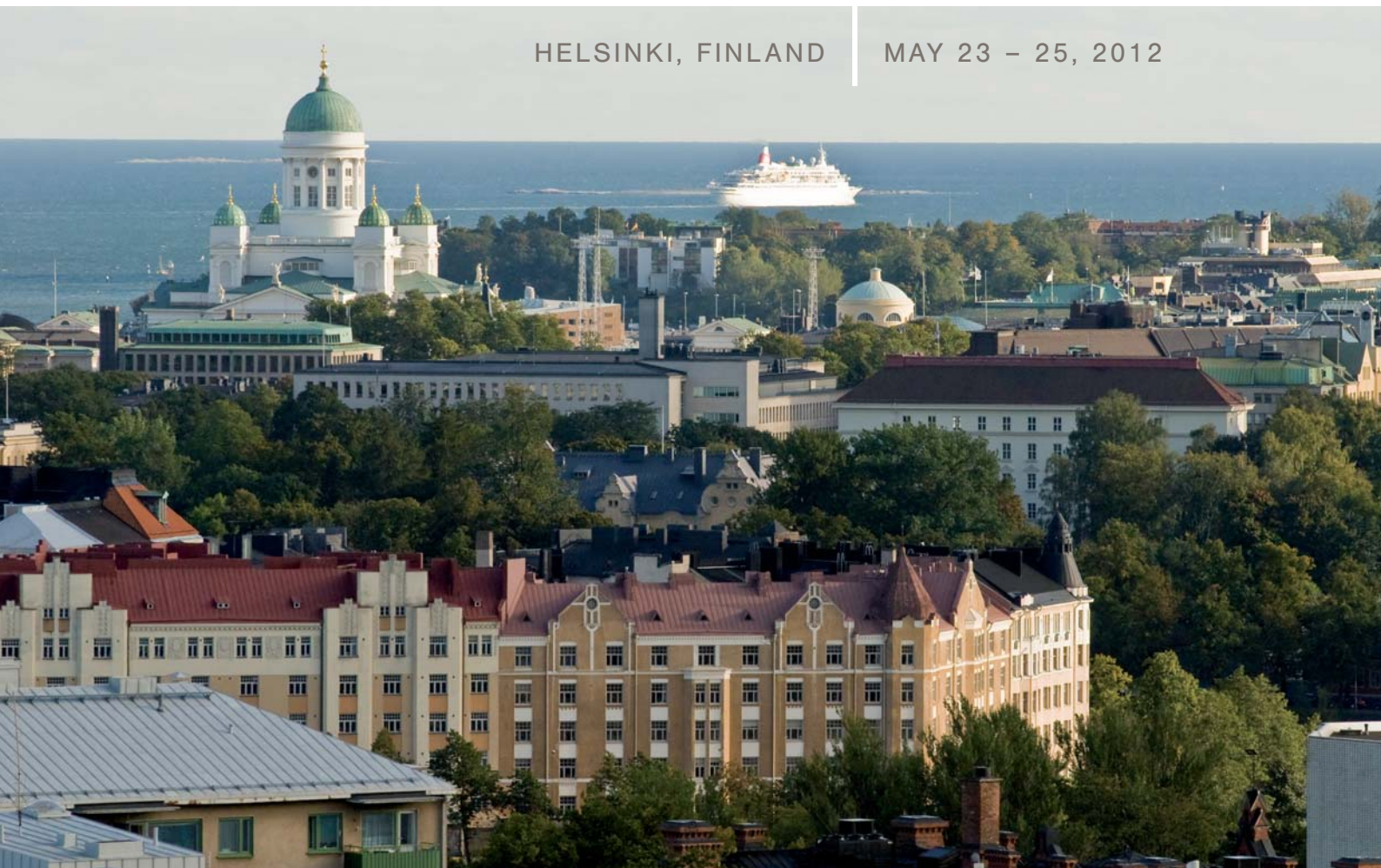


Aalto University
School of Economics
Small Business Center

Call for Papers

HELSINKI, FINLAND

MAY 23 – 25, 2012



2012 **NCSB**

17TH NORDIC CONFERENCE ON SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH

Entrepreneurship
- Creative Design or Destruction?

The objective of this 17TH Nordic Conference on Small Business Research is to foster the exchange of ideas and to introduce the research findings in the different fields of small businesses and entrepreneurship. One purpose of the Conference is to create links between university scholars and practitioners. In the spirit of Aalto University we would like to encourage creative and interdisciplinary approaches. We would like to welcome papers for example in the following fields:

- Identification and development of opportunities
- Innovations and commercialization processes in SMEs
- Family businesses and habitual entrepreneurship
- Growth and performance of SMEs
- Entrepreneurial finance and venture capital
- International entrepreneurship
- Networking and cooperation in SMEs
- Design thinking and entrepreneurship
- Modernization and diversification in SMEs
- Strategies in SMEs
- Theoretical and methodological issues in studying SMEs
- SMEs and Entrepreneurship policy
- Gender and diversity in SMEs and entrepreneurship
- Sustainability and entrepreneurship
- Social entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship education and knowledge transfer

DOCTORAL PRE-CONFERENCE

The Conference offers doctoral students an arena to discuss their research findings with peers and more experienced faculties. On May 23, doctoral students are invited to present research proposals to a group of experienced researchers in the field. The number of participating doctoral students is limited to 25. The doctoral pre-conference will be jointly organized and led by Professor Hans Landström, Senior Researcher Elisabet Ljunggren and Professor Markku Virtanen. Participation in doctoral consortium is included in the Conference fee.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts (100–150 words) of contributions for the conference should be submitted by to the mailing address below. Notification of acceptance and further instructions for the manuscripts will be submitted to contributors by 26.2.2012. Accepted papers (maximum 15 pages) should be submitted by April 22nd, 2012 to be published in web sites of the Conference.

SCHEDULE FOR PAPER MANAGEMENT

- Submissions of 1 – 2 page abstracts by January 21, 2012
- Notifications of acceptance by February 26, 2012

- Deadline for doctoral pre-conference research proposals by April 15, 2012
- Deadline for complete paper by April 22, 2012
- Conference May 23 – 25, 2012

Organizing Committee (confirmed)

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CONFERENCE VENUE

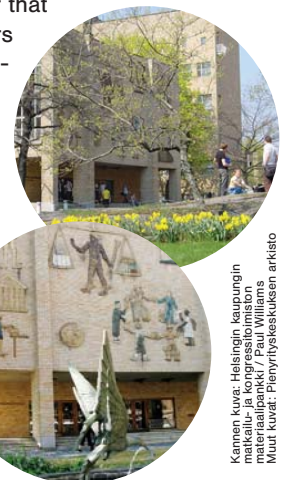
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Conference Fees

Registration fee before 31.3.2012 is 400 € for ECSB members and 485 € for non-members. After that the fee will be 450 € for ECSB members and 535 € for non-members. The fee includes participation in the Conference, lunches, documents and social events.

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