

# **7th European Banking Center Conference: Financial Sector Developments and the Performance of Entrepreneurial Firms**

## **Call for Papers**

In cooperation with CEPR and SNL Financial

29-30 October, 2015, Tilburg University

The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers in different fields of banking, entrepreneurship, and finance working on issues related to the financing and governance of entrepreneurial firms and their impact on the creation, development, and performance of these firms. We are inviting high quality submissions of theoretical and empirical nature.

TOPICS: Topics include the following, but are not limited to:

Bank financing and alternative sources of funds for entrepreneurial firms

- Access to finance and the creation of entrepreneurial firms;
- Sources of direct finance: crowd, angels, corporates, government grants;
- Different sources of intermediated finance: banks and venture firms,
- The effect of finance providers on the strategy, development, and success of entrepreneurial companies;

Institutional aspects that influence entrepreneurial firms' access to capital

- The regulation of stock exchanges and its effect on the access to capital and on financiers' willingness to provide funding to start-ups;
- Capital requirements and bank loan policy for entrepreneurial firms;
- Assessments of public policies that facilitate access to finance by entrepreneurial companies;
- Bankruptcy Law and its effect on small firms' entry and their access to capital;
- Regulation and taxation of venture capital firms;
- Regulation of Limited Partners and the provision of capital to entrepreneurial firms;

The financial crisis and its impact on small firms' performance

- Financial sector developments that are changing small firms access to finance.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: The deadline for submissions is June 7, 2015. Papers should be submitted electronically to [ebc@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:ebc@tilburguniversity.edu) along with your affiliation and email address. In the email, please indicate whether or not you are willing to act as a discussant. Authors of accepted papers will be contacted by July 30th, 2015. Economy class travel and accommodation for invited participants will be covered.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The conference will be held at Tilburg University. Tentatively, the program will start on Thursday at 9:00 and will end on Friday at 16:30. The program will include up to 10 papers with their discussions, leaving ample time for comments from the audience and for interaction among participants. Presenters and discussants are expected to attend for the whole duration of the conference.

More details about the conference and the venue can be found at:  
<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/ebc-conference>

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