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Call for Papers, Posters, Round Table Proposals, Practitioner Contributions and Product Demonstrations

Mini track on Chinese Entrepreneurship: Institutions, New Venture Creation and Growth

Track co-chairs: Dr Jun Li, University of Essex, UK and Professor Chunlin Si, Fundan University, China

China as an emerging economy is characterised by an increasing market orientation, an expanding economic foundation, and high rate of entrepreneurship in an environment in which formal institutions are evolving. North (1990) and Ahlstrom & Bruton (2006) asserted that entrepreneurial goals, behaviours, and effectiveness of actions are not only constrained by institutional and cultural forces in their environment but they also enabled, as opportunities are opened for those who can understand and make the most of the local institutional regime. In a sense, entrepreneurs are embedded in ongoing institutional structures that have an effect on their activities and act to shape their institutional environments. In China, formal and informal institutional actions have different impacts than those in the USA and Europe. Tan (1996) characterised the Chinese entrepreneurial environment in the early economic reform period as one with weak market structures, poorly specified property rights, un-codified information, unspecified regulations, and lack of institutional support. Peng (2000) depicted the uniqueness of China's institutional environment as a combination of socialist legacy, high context culture and transition economy. Krug and Hendrichske (2002) described the Chinese institutional environment as possessing a high degree of non-tradable inputs and resources, complemented by a lack of contractual security and relational risk, ill-functioning information markets and relatively weak property rights. Paradoxically, the complexity of, and lack of stability in, institutional environments offered considerable opportunities for entrepreneurs to experiment and explore and inflicted a range of penalties upon individuals who stepped out of the line. Evidence from the literature shows that the exact nature of institutional forces in China is not yet well conceptualised (Ahlstrom & Bruton, 2006; Bruton et al, 2008). This mini track would call for papers to explore issues such as how institutions impact transaction costs, resources, and cognitive maps of entrepreneurs. There is a possibility that Journal of Chinese Entrepreneurship can sponsor a best paper for this track and that selected papers can be considered for publication in this peer-reviewed journal.

Topics include, but are not limited to:-

- Regulatory environment, new venture creation and growth
- Institutions, cognitive maps and behaviours of entrepreneurs
- Institutional entrepreneurship and evolution of institutional structures
- Culture, networks and entrepreneurship
- Institutions, entrepreneurship and economic growth

Publication opportunity

Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and ECIE proceedings are listed in the Thomson ISI Index Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP/ISI Proceedings), the Thomson Index to Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP) and indexed by the Institution of Engineering and Technology in the UK.

As well as full academic papers, the following submissions are welcomed:

Research in Progress; Researchers may submit current projects whilst they are still in progress.

Case Study Submissions; Submissions should be written to publishable standards.

Poster Submissions; Welcomed in any of the areas identified in the call for papers.**Round Table Proposals;** Topical subjects proposed for discussion.

Practitioner Contributions; Contributions, either presentations or demonstrations, from individuals and organisations working in the field. Presentation submissions should follow the abstract submission process. For product demonstrations, please submit a proposal of 200-300 words describing a research facilitation product you would like to demonstrate and the audience it serves. Proposals should be sent as an email attachment to [Sue Nugus](mailto:Sue.Nugus@academic-conferences.org) not later than **15 April 2010**. Demonstrations themselves are expected to be approximately 15 minutes in length.

Submission details

Abstract details: Other than product demonstrations, all submission types require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **25 February 2010**. Please read the guidelines at <http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm>

Submission: Only accepted by online form submission at <http://academic-conferences.org/ecie/ecei2010/ecie10-abstract-submission.htm>.

Full paper: Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received **15 April 2010**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, [Elaine Hayne](mailto:Elaine.Hayne@academic-conferences.org) at elaine.hayne@academic-conferences.org

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

Important dates

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| Abstract submission deadline: | 25 February 2010 |
| Notification of abstract acceptance: | 04 March 2010 |
| Full paper due for review: | 15 April 2010 |
| Notification of paper acceptance (subject to any requested changes): | 24 June 2010 |
| Earlybird registration closes: | 08 July 2010 |
| Final paper due (with changes): | 22 July 2010 |
| Final author registration date: | 12 August 2010 |

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