

15<sup>th</sup> Summer Conference in Regional Science  
of the German Speaking Section of the European Regional Science Association  
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**“Entrepreneurship and Regional Development in Times of Transformations”**

26-27 June 2025  
Future Work Lab, Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences, Krefeld

**Detailed Program**

**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

09:00-09:30	Registration and welcome
09:30-11:00	<b>Paper presentations, session 1</b>
	Start-ups' growth and regional labour supply <i>by Udo Brixy (p) and Lisa Bellmann</i>
	Serial entrepreneurship. The heterogeneous impact of entrepreneurial skill acquisition on firm performance <i>by Petrik Runst (p) and Christian Bergholz</i>
	Matching advantages in big cities - New evidence from firm-level survey data <i>by Annkatrin Niebuhr (p), Cornelius Peters, Duncan Roth, Meike Rudolph</i>
11:15-12:00	<b>Keynote presentation “From Local Roots to Global Reach: AI Entrepreneurship Across European Regions”</b> <i>by Alina Sorgner</i>
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-15:00	<b>Paper presentations, session 2</b>
	Females in Leadership Positions <i>by Stephan Brunow (p), Alina Sorgner, Michaela Fuchs</i>
	Strengthening Regional Development: The Role of Resources in Female Migrant Entrepreneurship <i>by Ebru Sarikaya (p), Fabian Mertens, Christine Manthei, Ann Marie Krewer, Angelika Krehl</i>
	The Dynamics of (Dis-)Connectedness: Migrant Entrepreneurs and Their Role in Entrepreneurial Ecosystems <i>by Alexandra David (p), Judith Terstriep, Jörg Freiling</i>
	Many Names, Many Gains? How local diversity in Germany affects innovation <i>by Anna Kremer (p)</i>

15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	<b>Paper presentations, session 3</b>
	Changes in dynamic agglomeration effects over time <i>by Jan Cornelius Peters (p), Annekatrin Niebuhr, Duncan Roth</i>
	Stability of Zipf's law for cities and occult spatial dependence effects: A study on the OECD countries <i>by Rolf Bergs (p) and Uwe Neumann</i>
	Preliminary insights into the spatial dynamics of Rural Collaborative Spaces in Rhineland-Palatinate <i>by Jorge Arturo Villarreal Valtierra (p), Carles Méndez-Ortega, Julie Wilson</i>
18:30	Conference Dinner

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

09:00-10:00	<b>Paper presentations, session 4</b>
	Unemployment as a driver of entrepreneurship in Eastern and Western Germany: urban and rural areas compared <i>by Christian Bergholz (p), Rolf Sternberg, Lennard Stolz, Johannes Bersch</i>
	The Role of Mobility within and across Local Labor Markets in Times of Transformation <i>by Anette Haas (p), Nina Gläser, Van Phan thi Hong</i>
10:15-11:00	<b>Keynote presentation "Bounded and unbounded entrepreneurial ecosystems – Rethinking the sense of belonging"</b> <i>by Alexandra David</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break with snack
11:30-13:00	<b>Paper presentations, session 5</b>
	Land as a scarce resource: a quintuple helix framework for mitigating land use conflicts in the bioeconomy <i>by Florian Grebe (p) and Angelika Krehl</i>
	Societal living spaces as multicellular systems: Towards an organism model of stakeholder governance <i>by Florian Koehne (p) and Laura Woodward-Heni</i>
	We cannot wait! Exploring the need for a combined competencies framework in entrepreneurship and sustainability <i>by Steffen Pabst (p) and Britta Gossel</i>
13:00-13:30	Farewell