

Workshop on Refugee Entrepreneurship

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Welcome!

Dear Participants,

It is with pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 Workshop on refugee entrepreneurship at the University of Bremen. We are grateful for the numerous submissions of proposals and the big number of requests to attend. Obviously, there is a growing number of scholars interested in research on refugee entrepreneurship and we hope to contribute to building and maintaining this movement by hosting this workshop.

Refugee entrepreneurship is still an under-researched topic in entrepreneurship studies. And it is an ambiguous phenomenon: the root causes of refuge relate to serious pain and threats of people who had to leave their country due to wars, civil wars, or other catastrophes of different kinds. At the same time, entrepreneurship of refugees is a measure to achieve and maintain livelihood in a new setting – and often a sign of hope for people in such constellations that may help them to rebound.

As a hybrid workshop, we look forward to meeting you in person or online. With several paper sessions and two panels we offer a one day program and we try to explicitly consider long-term development as well as current challenges like the situation in Eastern Europe, in Turkey or in African countries. Enjoy your time at the workshop and let us stay in touch!

Jörg Freiling, Aki Harima & Thomas Baron

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Program

Time	Section	Author(s) / Panelist	Title (or perspective in case of panels)
09.00 – 09.10	Welcome Address & Introduction	Jörg Freiling	
09.10 – 10.10	Session 1: Refugee Entrepreneurship - Current Settings	Session Chair: Jörg Freiling	
		Jan Brzozowski & Inna Voznyuk (UE Cracow)	Ukrainian refugee entrepreneurship after 24th February 2022: initial insights from Poland
		Sabina Kubiciel-Lodzinska (U Opole) & Jolanta Maj (U Wroclaw)	Entrepreneurship as empowerment of refugee women: challenge for Poland
		Hülya Kaya (International Migration & Refugee Association)	The Challenges of Syrian Refugee Entrepreneurship in Turkey
10.10 – 10.50	Panel 1: Recent situations in refugee host countries - understanding current challenges in the light of prior experience	Panel Chair: Aki Harima	
		Hülya Kaya (International Migration & Refugee Association)	The Turkish situation
		Sabina Kubiciel-Lodzinska (U Opole)	The Polish situation
		Wim Naudé (Univ. College Cork)	Evidence from current research
10.50 – 11.05	Break		
11.05 – 12.05	Session 2: Refugee Entrepreneurship - Theory and Practice	Session Chair: Aki Harima	
		Nina Bilal-Lazarczyk (U Warsaw)	Characteristics, Conditions and Scope of Refugee Entrepreneurship in the Example of Sweden
		Tenzin Yeshe (U Bremen)	Systematic literature review on refugee entrepreneurship: A context on the current research status
		David Jepson (ACH Bristol)	Refugee and Migrant Business Support - Case Study from UK

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12.05 - 13.25	Session 3: Refugee Entrepreneurship and Context	Session Chair: Jörg Freiling	
		Solomon Akele Abebe (U Lund)	Entrepreneurial beliefs of refugees: A matter of context than ethnic origin
		Christian de Kraker & Leendert de Bell (RU Groningen)	Entrepreneurial journeys of refugees in covid-times; stories of belonging?
		Alexandra David & Judith Terstriep (IAT Gelsenkirchen)	Context-specific factors in refugee entrepreneurship – Outcomes of the ENTER to Transform project
		Claire Street (Canterbury Christ Church U)	Enterprise in a Hostile Environment
13.25 - 14.15	Lunch break		
14.15 - 15.15	Session 4: Refugee Entrepreneurship - Resources and Scarcities	Session Chair: Thomas Baron	
		Sandra Atia (U Jena) & Mariam M. Hussein (U Ottawa)	Acculturation and Refugee Entrepreneurship: A Cross-Cultural Study
		Roberto Falcao (U Fluminense), Eduardo Cruz (U Fluminense), Dayane A. Campos Piccoli (Cath. U of Rio de Janeiro), Rafael Mancebo (Cath. U of Rio de Janeiro)	Self-employment of Syrian refugees: unveiling social networks and human capital of food stall owners in Rio de Janeiro
		Hanan Osman (U Utrecht)	How to become successful refugee entrepreneurs in the Netherlands: Entrepreneurs' perspectives
15.15 - 15.55	Panel 2: Supporting refugee entrepreneurship - what and how to do?	Panel Chair: Thomas Baron	
		Julia Feddersen (SWAE Bremen)	The EU perspective
		Ralf Sanger (ISM Mainz)	The German perspective
		Daniel Gleave (Acacia U)	The entrepreneurship education perspective
15.55 - 16.00	Perspectives & Concluding Remarks	Jorg Freiling	

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Workshop information

Workshop location

Chair in Small Business and Entrepreneurship (LEMEX)
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Online access via Zoom

<https://uni-bremen.zoom.us/j/99206473699?pwd=REViZUthZUdFek1aYmFJaDh1dk5qdz09>

Meeting-ID: 992 0647 3699
Code: 018818

Accommodation and travel information

If you want to stay overnight, there are hotels near and on the campus that offer special rates for university guests:

7THINGS Hotel

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Tel.: +49 421 69677377

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How to find us

By car

When coming from A1 highway, change at the “Bremer Kreuz” onto the A27 highway in the direction of Bremen-Bremerhaven. Leave the A27 at exit “Universität / Horn-Lehe” and head towards “Centrum / Universität.”

Ample parking is available on campus. There is a parking fee of 1.00 euro per day.

Upon entering the parking space you will receive a parking ticket which has to be paid before leaving. You can only pay cash!

By bus or tram

You can get to the University of Bremen conveniently by bus and tram, provided by Bremer Straßenbahn AG (BSAG).

The campus map shows the location of public transport stops in the campus area.

The following lines stop at the “Universität / Zentralbereich” (university / central campus area): 6, 21, 22, 28, 31.

<https://www.bsag.de/en/information/info-timetables/your-connections.html>

By train

Plan your journey with the Deutsche Bahn (German Railway) to Bremen central station. Leave the station southbound (towards the city center). Taxis, busses, and trams leave directly from the station forecourt. You will pay approximately 15 euros for a taxi ride to the University of Bremen. It is cheaper by tram: Take line 6 towards “Universität.” For Faculty 7 (Business Studies) you should get off at the stop “Universität Süd.”

<https://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en?ld=4142&country=DEU&protocol=https:&rt=1&newrequest=yes&&country=GBR>

By plane

You will have to pay about 24 euros for the onward journey from Bremen Airport (BRE) to the University of Bremen by taxi. The tram line 6 goes directly from airport to the university. You should get off at the stop “Universität Süd”.

<https://www.bremen-airport.com/en/>

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Parking space P4



Use main entrance of the building (pass „Aldi“ on the right side!)



Staircase WiWi 1 building



Entrance door 2nd floor



turn right, the event location is at the end of the corridor



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