



Renaissance and Renewal of Work, Entrepreneurship & Entrepreneurial Careers

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In general, entrepreneurship is understood as something completely different from waged work and entrepreneurs are depicted to differ from wage workers. Lately a new perspective on entrepreneurship, namely perceiving entrepreneurship from the career and life course perspective, has drawn more attention. The emergence of a 'boundaryless career' where individuals accumulate skill and personal reputation as key career resources by frequent movements between firms and in and out of self-employment and job opportunities that extend over a single employment setting have been suggested. This opens up new avenues for entrepreneurship research.

The objectives of this track are to shed light to the role of entrepreneurship from the career perspective in different labour market contexts and during the life course, and to seek new knowledge on the fluid conditions between waged work and entrepreneurship. The track is open to theory-driven and empirical papers applying both quantitative and qualitative methods. Particular emphasis is given to multidisciplinary approaches. Suitable topics include, but are not limited to:

- Conceptual development of risk, security and commitment attached to waged work and entrepreneurship
- Fluid conditions between waged work and entrepreneurship
- Career transitions between entrepreneurship and waged work and the reasons behind the career decisions
- Entrepreneurship as a career choice: individual career paths and 'mainstream' career paths within particular professions
- Different forms of employment in the larger career and life course perspectives
- New models for understanding the ways in which individuals combine the organising of work and other life spheres
- The role of part-time entrepreneurship or entrepreneurship as a hobby in the context of individual life-course and career
- Habitual entrepreneurship as a way of life

The track is applied to attract papers into a Special Issue on "*Entrepreneurship, Work and Entrepreneurial Work*".

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