



## Call for Papers

### 1st International Conference on Migration/Diaspora Entrepreneurship (M/DE) - *Migration and Diaspora Entrepreneurship: A 2020 Research Perspective* - Bremen, Germany | 14-15 December, 2015

#### Short Description

M/DE is an international conference which aims at a better understanding of challenges in the realm of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship. Migration paths become more and more important and modern nations tend to be or become transnational societies. This conference brings together international researchers from different backgrounds who investigate in entrepreneurial and business activities of migrants as well as diasporans. Besides that, also policy-makers and practitioners are invited to join.

Due to its transnational nature, the phenomenon and their entrepreneurial activities are highly heterogeneous and complex, which requires more interdisciplinary work. The M/DE offers a creative and inspiring atmosphere to allow participants to productively (co-)develop their research initiatives. The series of the 'ZenTra workshops on migration and diaspora entrepreneurship', predecessors of the M/DE Conference, have already taken a huge step to create a researcher's community of this research area. This conference will continue to foster further research partnerships on a local and international level. Presented papers at this conference can be considered for a submission to international journals and the ZenTra (Center for Transnational Studies, University of Bremen & University of Oldenburg, Germany) working paper series.

#### Key Dates

Abstract submission: 10 November 2015

Selection notification: 17 November 2015

Conference: 14-15 December 2015

## Call for Abstracts

The M/DE conference welcomes research papers on all aspects of migration and diaspora entrepreneurship. They can be conceptual in nature, literature reviews or empirical papers (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods). Interdisciplinary perspectives are especially welcome. The focus topics of the M/DE conference are as follows:

- Migration entrepreneurship
- Diaspora entrepreneurship
- Transnational entrepreneurship
- Refugee entrepreneurship

Please submit your abstracts (max. 800 words) via e-mail to [harima@uni-bremen.de](mailto:harima@uni-bremen.de) by **10 November 2015**. The submitted abstracts undergo a peer-reviewing process. In case of interest of participation without a presentation, please contact the conference organizers.

## Pre-Conference

The M/DE Student Conference will take place on 14 December 2015. This pre-conference targets bachelor and master students involved or interested in migration and diaspora entrepreneurship. The M/DE Student Conference invites research presentations and abstracts and helps students in developing their topics by constructive remarks. All the participants of this conference will receive a certificate of attendance. For the best contributions, a consideration in a publication project is possible. This part of conference is also open for participants of the main conference.

## Conference Fee

Participation fees for this conference are waived thanks to a generous support of a sponsor. Light lunch and coffee during the conference will be provided. Dinner is not included.

## Conference Location

The University of Bremen (Germany)

### Organizing Committee:

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*We are looking forward  
to your submissions!*