

TRACK INFORMATION

Title: Exogenous linkages of and between entrepreneurial ecosystems: Perspectives from Interregional and Global connectedness

Outline (max. 300 words):

Conceptualizations of Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (EE) refer to elements or frameworks comprehending shared resources, networks, knowledge spillovers, local endowments and support from institutions and policy which are regionally embedded in cities, metropolitan areas, regions, or even countries. In this respect, EE involve the interactions between entrepreneurial actors (incubators, accelerators and other support systems), resource providers (investors, universities), connectors (business and sectoral associations), and entrepreneurial culture. Although most of these components are tied to the territory, EE are not isolated spatial systems with no linkages to their 'hinterland' or with one another. Addressing entrepreneurial ecosystems as isolated analytical units delimited by political/administrative boundaries can cause an inadequate comprehension of how entrepreneurship-oriented relationships are organized across territories. In fact, EE literature needs to further incorporate distinct compositions and dynamics, and this involves a closer inspection of their spatial configurations. So far EE scholars have dedicated scant attention to the geography of linkages formed to foster innovative endeavors. The relationships of EE with other regions can change over the course of EE's evolution. However, the dynamics behind such features appear to be more complex. The strength of interregional and/or global embeddedness of EE is likely attached to sectoral orientations, institutional contexts and evolutionary trajectories. Also, the increasing prominence of digitization processes is expected to play a pivotal role in affecting the territorial scope of EE, potentially shaping distinct dynamics of interactions that emerge as global phenomena. Taken together, these features challenge the dominance of a 'local' perspective on the dynamics and evolution of EE. In order to engage in a more nuanced comprehension of these linkages, it is essential to delve deeper into their diversity of spatial linkages.

Indicate a maximum of 5 key topics to be addressed in the track:

- How do entrepreneurial ecosystems evolve in terms of their interregional and global linkages?
- What are the key drivers and actors shaping the dynamics of territorial expansion of entrepreneurial ecosystems' activities?
- To what extent do digitization processes affect the notion of territories in terms of entrepreneurial ecosystems' configurations?
- How do migration (national and international) flows connect different entrepreneurial ecosystems?
- How does the geography of venture capital (local/national/international) change over entrepreneurial ecosystems' maturity stages?

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