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## Call for papers for the DIME WP 2.3 Workshop

### Regional Entrepreneurship as Source of Perpetuation and Change

October 15-17, 2009 in Jena, Germany

Jointly organized by the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena, Germany

#### Background:

Regional characteristics have an important influence on entrepreneurship. The regional industry and firm-size structure, the existence of knowledge-creating institutions, and the overall economic conditions may be conducive to certain types of entrepreneurship, such as greenfield start-ups, (academic) spin-offs, innovative and non-innovative new businesses or for start-ups in certain industries. On the one hand, new business formation could lead to a perpetuation of the existing sectoral structure if the entry of new firms increases productivity. On the other hand, entrepreneurship and particularly innovative start-ups might pose a competitive challenge to existing structures and drive structural change.

#### Objectives:

The presentations and discussions of this workshop should tackle the following questions:

*Question 1:* What are the regional and sectoral determinants that drive various forms of firm founding?

*Question 2:* How pronounced is the regional persistence of new business formation across different types of firms and industries?

*Question 3:* Is a high level of new business formation in a region conducive to structural change and to regional development?

*Question 4:* To what extent does the sectoral composition of regions promote or restrain structural change through entrepreneurship?

*Question 5:* Which policy measures are adequate for stimulating certain forms of entrepreneurship, particularly innovative and ambitious entrepreneurship?

We invite quantitative, qualitative, and theoretical contributions which address these questions and help us to obtain a better understanding of the role of entrepreneurship and its contribution to regional development and growth.

#### **Deadlines:**

Deadline for abstract submission: July 1st, 2009

Acceptance notification: July 20, 2009

Deadline for submission: September 27, 2009

#### **Organizers:**

David B. Audretsch, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena, and Indiana University, Bloomington (USA)

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Travel and accommodation costs of the participants will be covered according to standard DIME arrangements for one author per paper from DIME-partners and for invited speakers.

*Local organizers:* Thomas Grebel (Friedrich Schiller University Jena), Michael Wyrwich (Friedrich Schiller University Jena), Madeleine Schmidt (Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena).

#### **Submissions:**

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