

Special Session (SS10) on

Entrepreneurship, gender, and regional development

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Aim and scope of the session:

There is an increasing understanding of gender equality as being central to societal development in addition to play an important role promoting economic development. These approach broadly means utilizing everyone and letting everybody, both men and women, have equal opportunities, rights and obligations in all spheres of life including on which to build regional development through e.g. employment, higher education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

The objective of this session is to generate an impulse discussion towards the points of contact between regional development on one hand and chances and opportunities of strengthening gender equality on the other hand. We are seeking papers employing varied perspectives and methodological approaches exploring a broad range of development and gender. Examples include:

- Critical developments at the regional level for women and with respect to gender equality
- Possible regional development gains by advancing gender equality
- Strategies and measures suitable for the implementation of gender equality for regional development
- Regional policy to advance gender equality in regional development
- Framework for the implementation of more gender sensitivity in regional development
- Relationship of gender equality and gender mainstreaming with regional development
- Women active in regional development
- Implementation and fields of intervention of gender issues in regional development
- Good practice examples
- Gender and entrepreneurship