

Call for Papers

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The editors for this special issue of the *Journal of Business Venturing* invite papers on the topic of **Institutions, Entrepreneurs, and Communities**. The specific purpose of the call is to stimulate work on entrepreneurship in institutional and community contexts, with the broader purpose of strengthening the ties between entrepreneurship and macro social theory.

The topics include how entrepreneurs are affected by institutional and community contexts as well as how institutional and community contexts are affected by entrepreneurs. Thus, we can envision papers on traditional topics such as technical or social innovation within institutions and the creation of new institutions by cultural entrepreneurs. In addition, non-traditional topics are encouraged, such as the entrepreneur's impact on social networks, associations, communities, in periods of growth or decline.

We would like the papers to be empirical, but strong conceptual pieces are also welcome. The methodologies of the papers depend completely on the topic area and expertise of the authors. We encourage new designs and methods, especially mixed ones. The theoretical approach to be taken in papers is also open. We can imagine that many authors may wish to draw upon some version of institutional or regulatory theory, power, elite theory and networks. But social mobilization, embeddedness, social capital, actor network and other more critical theories are just as likely to be used, perhaps as a critique of more mainstream perspectives on institutions, entrepreneurs, and communities. Scholars from business, technology, sociology, community ecology, public policy, and even planning may wish to contribute to this special issue.

Submission should follow the guidelines for the authors of the Journal of Business Venturing at http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/505723/authorinstructions. The papers should be 35 pages all inclusive with standard fonts, referencing, tables and figures; a 100 word abstract is part of this limit but references are excluded from the page count. An executive summary will be required if the paper is accepted for publication.

The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2010 and papers should not be submitted before June 1, 2010. All submission should be submitted electronically via the Journal of Business Venturing website: <http://ees.elsevier.com/jbv/> choosing "Special Issue: InstEntComm" as the paper type.