

Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Research School • 6th Edition

3-5 December 2025, Lyon, France

Conference Date: 3-5 December 2025

Location: IAE de Lyon, Université Lyon III Jean Moulin, France

**Special Event: Paper Development Workshop with
Journal of Business Venturing (JBV) on its
Special Issue “The Microfoundations of Entrepreneurial Ecosystems”**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/316834/special-issue-on-the-microfoundations-of-entrepreneurial-ecosystems>

The **Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Research School (EERS) for its 6th Edition** invites early-career and senior scholars, including PhD candidates, to submit abstracts for the upcoming event at **IAE de Lyon, France**. This event serves as a dynamic platform for emerging scholars to engage with international experts, collaborate, and further develop their research in the field of entrepreneurial ecosystems (EE).

The EERS aims to foster in-depth discussions around the latest advancements and emerging topics in entrepreneurial ecosystems, particularly focusing on the microfoundations that underpin ecosystem functioning.

Topics of Interest: We welcome submissions exploring a broad range of topics within entrepreneurial ecosystems, including but not limited to:

- **Microfoundations of Entrepreneurial Ecosystems:** Mechanisms, individual-level factors, and their influence on ecosystem dynamics.
- **Relational, Organizational, and Economic Perspectives:** The interplay between different ecosystem components, elements, or actors.
- **Evolutionary and Longitudinal Dynamics:** How ecosystems evolve over time, focusing on resilience, sustainability, and growth. Predictive models.
- **Global South and Low-Income Ecosystems:** Unique challenges and opportunities in non-western and low-income country ecosystems.
- **Ethical, Inclusive, and Social Dimensions:** Exploring the societal impact and inclusivity of entrepreneurial ecosystems.
- **Novel Theories and Methods for Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Research:** Theories and Methodologies that push the boundaries of current research practices.

Event Highlights:

- **Keynote Speakers:** Leading academics in entrepreneurial ecosystems research (names to be confirmed).
- **Paper Development Workshop:** A special session in collaboration with *Journal of Business Venturing* (JBV) focused on its **Special Issue “The Microfoundations of Entrepreneurial Ecosystems”**
- **Methods Workshop:** Focus on novel and unexplored methods in EE research.

- **Networking Sessions:** Opportunities for early-career researchers to meet peers and established scholars.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Discuss the future of entrepreneurial ecosystem research.

Program:

- **Keynote Sessions:** Thought leadership from key figures in the EE field.
- **Paper Development Workshops:** Tailored feedback on your paper's evolution with guidance from top-tier editors. A special PDW will be organized in partnership with JBV guest editors mentioned.
- **Meet the Editors Session:** Opportunities for one-on-one interactions with editors of high-impact journals.
- **Networking Events:** Networking lunches and coffees, exploration of the local ecosystem, and a prestigious Gala dinner.

Submission Instructions: Abstracts of no more than 2,000 words (excluding references) are invited. Submissions should follow the structure below:

- **Introduction/Objectives:** What problem are you addressing? What are your research questions?
- **Literature Review:** Briefly summarize theoretical roots and their relation to your research.
- **Method:** What is your research design? What data are you collecting and how?
- **Results/Discussion:** What have you found so far?
- **Implications and Limitations:** How does your work contribute to the field, and what are its limitations?

Timeline :

- **Submission website:** <sciencesconf.org>
- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** **Friday, 29 August 2025, 23:59 CET**
- **Decision for Abstract Acceptance:** about **Tuesday, 9 September 2025**
- **Registration:** **Friday, 17 October 2025, 23:59 CET.**
- **Final Paper Submission Deadline:** **Tuesday, 5 November 2025, 23:59 CE**
- **Program Available:** **Friday, 14 November 2025**

Attendance Fees:

- Physical attendance: expected around **€350** (includes gala dinner, lunches, and coffee breaks) (to be confirmed); the final attendance fees will be communicated by the submission deadline date.

Location:

- IAE de Lyon, France ([6 Cr Albert Thomas, 69008 Lyon, France](https://www.iae-lyon.fr/))
Participants are expected to arrange their travel and accommodation. A low-rate hotel opportunity will be proposed to the participants.

Register for the Event:

- The link will be communicated to the accepted authors.

The "Fête des Lumières" in Lyon will occur from December 5 to December 8, 2025.

<https://www.fetedeslumieres.lyon.fr/fr>

Participants who choose may extend their stay in Lyon to participate in this event.



Scientific Committee:

- **EERS Team:** Erik Stam (Utrecht University), Niels Bosma (Utrecht University), Didier Chabaud (Sorbonne Business School), Christina Theodoraki (IAE Aix Marseille), Grégory Guéneau (ADALIA Institute, OSE in Africa, Morocco)
- **JBV Special Issue Guest Editors:** David Audretsch (Indiana University Bloomington), Angelo Cavallo (Polytechnic University of Milan), Massimo Colombo (Polytechnic University of Milan), Philip T. Roundy (The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga), Erik Stam (Utrecht University), Mirjam Knockaert (Ghent University)
- **Hosting Team:** Marie-Christine Chalus Sauvannet (IAE de Lyon), Romain Lesage (IAE de Lyon)

We look forward to welcoming you to **IAE de Lyon** for a fruitful and engaging event. Join us for the latest research and new directions in entrepreneurial ecosystem studies!

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