***Understanding Small Business Growth 2015***

***Conference Programme***

***Wednesday February 11th 2015***

***Conference Aston, Aston business School, Aston University,***

***Birmingham, B4 7ET***

***UK***

***The Enterprise Research Centre’s inaugural Research Conference***

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| 09.00-09.30 | Registration and coffee |
| 09.30-10.00 | **Conference Room 1**Keynote Address: **Professor Per Davidsson,**Director, Australian Centre for Entrepreneurship Research, QUT Business School**‘Small firm growth: What I think we know; Don’t know, and should know** |
| 10.00-11.15 | Parallel Sessions 1 |
| **Conference Room 1** | **Syndicate Room – PD1** |
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| Business demographics and growth | Ambition and Growth |
| Michael Anyadike-Danes, Mark Hart, Karen Bonner**‘All Grown up? The fate after 15 years of the quarter of a million firms born in 1998’**Carlo MenonOECD**"Job Dynamics: New International evidence"** | James Hayton, Andy Lockett, Deniz Ucbasaran, Oksana Koryak, Kevin Mole.**‘The antecedents of ambidexterity and growth in SME’s’**Dimo DimovUniversity of Bath**‘Schrodinger’s cat, wicked problems and entrepreneurial opportunities’** |

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| 11.15-11.35 | Coffee |
| 11.35-13.05pm | Parallel Sessions 2 |
| **Conference Room 1** | **Syndicate Room – PD1** |
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| Finance and SME Growth | Leadership, Management and Growth |
| Riccardo Fini, Kun Fu, Marius Tuft Mathisen, Einar Rasmussen, Mike Wright.**‘Institutional determinants of university spin-off quantity and quality: longitudinal, multilevel evidence from Italy, Norway and the UK’**Massimo Colombo, Politecnico di Milano,**‘Making a successful crowd-funding campaign: The role of social capital’** | Tomasz Mickiewicz, Mark Hart**‘Explaining ambitious entrepreneurship – UK evidence’**Erik StamUltrecht University School of Economics **‘Incomplete Contracts and the Allocation of Entrepreneurship in Society’** |

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| 13.10 -14.00 | Lunch  |

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| 14.00-15.15pm | Parallel Sessions 3 |
| **Conference Room 1** | **Syndicate Room – PD1** |
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| Understanding Innovation, Exporting and SME Growth. | Diversity and Growth |
| Gertjan Lucas, Joris Knoben and Marius Meeus, Tilburg University**‘Contradictory yet Coherent? Inconsistency in Performance Feedback and R&D Investment’**Jim Love, Stephen Roper, Karen Bonner**Local and firm-level influences on innovation performance – linkages, climate and externalities** | Friederike Welter, Bonn**‘Reflecting on the challenges for policies, entrepreneurship and diverse SMEs: The case of Germany’**Sara Carter, Monder Ram, Kiran Trehan**‘Diversity & SMEs’** |

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| 15.15-15.45pm | Coffee |
| 15.45-16.30pm | **Conference Room 1****International panel discussion****‘Emerging issues in SME policy research’**Panel members: Per Davidsson, Friederike Welter, Massimo Colombo, Erik Stam,Marius Meeus and Paul Reynolds |
| 16.30-16.45pm | **Policy response: BIS representative –** James Phipps, Enterprise Directorate, BIS |
| All of the Event presentations will be available via the ERC Website www.enterpriseresearchcentre.ac.uk **The next ERC Event is****ERC Annual State of Small Business Britain Conference. Birmingham UK.****Tuesday June 16th**To register interest for this event, please email Wendy Ferris , ERC Centre Manager, Aston Business School. |

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