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# **PAPER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (PDS) SEVILLE (SPAIN)**



Entrepreneurship & Innovation



# May 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain

The **9<sup>th</sup> Paper Development Seminar (9PDS) in Entrepreneurship Process Research** aims to help participants develop research results into papers suitable for publication in top-tier academic journals. The 9PDS is **co-organized with Observatorio del Ecosistema Emprendedor de Andalucía** ([www.oeea.es](http://www.oeea.es)). The OEEA is responsible for the GEM and GUESSS projects in Andalusia and is affiliated within the **Observatorio del Emprendimiento de España**.

Proposals applying a process perspective to entrepreneurship are welcome. We are open to any contributions analysing the entrepreneurial process, whether conceptual or empirical, and, in this latter case, using quantitative (ideally longitudinal, but also cross-sectional) and/or qualitative methods.

Additionally, In the context of the **CreaVES project**, approved in the 2024 call by the Spanish Research Agency (AEI), which aims to analyse how social gender stereotypes and personal values influence the decision to become an entrepreneur and the type of venture created, **a special session on Gender & Entrepreneurship** will be held during the 9PDS.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. The organizing committee will invite those deemed to have the highest potential to participate. Selected participants will be invited to submit a full paper. Extended abstracts may also be presented at the seminar. The objective is to develop a productive and intimate work environment. For this reason, we will limit the number of proposals/papers to be accepted into the seminar to a maximum of 20.

## Sponsors



The **European Council for Small Business (ECSB)** supports the 9<sup>th</sup> PDS through the ECSB Event Fund initiative. This 9PDS is also a co-branded ECSB event. **The ECSB will award a free one-year membership** to the presenting author of the best paper/proposal presented at the 9PDS.



**“Tomas de Mercado” Institute for Research in Economics and Business**, University of Seville. IUSEN brings together the centre’s most prominent researchers in their respective fields, some of whom enjoy considerable international recognition.



**E&I “Entrepreneurship and Innovation”** Research Group (Ref. SEJ-689), University of Seville. E&I conducts world-class research on entrepreneurship, new venture creation, entrepreneurship education, innovation, technological change, and their interplay.

# Seminar Programme

## Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

08:30-09:00	Registration, accreditation, and Opening session: Welcome from the organizers
09:00-09:45	Plenary session
09:45-11:00	Participants presentations
11:00-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15-13:00	Participants presentations
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-14:45	Plenary session
14:45-15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:00-17:00	Participants presentations



**19:00-22:00 Cultural Visit** and Seminar Dinner



## Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

09:00-09:45	Plenary session
09:45-11:00	Participants presentations
11:00-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15-13:00	Participants presentations
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:00	Plenary round table
15:00-15:15	Closing and Best Paper Award ceremony

# Invited speakers



**ULLA HYTTI**

is Professor of entrepreneurship and a head of Entrepreneurship research group at the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship at University of Turku. She is Associate Editor at **Entrepreneurship & Regional Development** and Research Editor at **Entrepreneurship Education & Pedagogy**. In 2019, Prof. Hytti received the European Entrepreneurship Education Award.



**MIRUNA RADU-LEFEBVRE**

is a Professor of Entrepreneurship and holder of the Chair of Family Entrepreneurship & Society at Audencia. She has worked for 18 years in entrepreneurship education and research in France and internationally. In 2021, she was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the **Entrepreneurship & Regional Development** journal, one of the most renowned academic journals in the discipline worldwide.



**SUSANA C. SANTOS**

is an Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship in the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship at Florida State University. From 2019-2023, she served on the Board of Directors of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE). Presently, she serves as co-editor of the **Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship** and associate editor of the **Journal of Small Business Management**.



**UTE STEPHAN**

is Full Professor of Entrepreneurship at King's College London, Honorary Professor at Aston Business School (Entrepreneurship) and at University College London (Psychology) and Transcampus Professor (Organisational Psychology) at TU Dresden. She is an editor at **Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice**, and consulting editor at the **Journal of International Business Studies**.

# Submission instructions

The deadline for submitting proposals is ~~January 31<sup>st</sup>~~, **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Proposals should be in the form of an extended structured abstract with a limit of 2,500 words (excluding references), including necessarily information on:

- Objectives
- Theoretical framework
- Methodology
- Results (if applicable)
- Discussion and preliminary conclusions.

**Submissions** will be made **through the following link:**

**<https://forms.gle/Pmd59R4yqVEjsXjB7>**

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at [entrepreneurs@us.es](mailto:entrepreneurs@us.es)

The organizing committee will evaluate the proposals, with external reviewers if needed. On **February 28th, 2026**, **decision letters** will be sent to submitting authors.

Authors of the accepted proposals are encouraged to submit a more **developed version** by **April 30th, 2026**, although this is not required. The authors will present their papers/proposals orally during the allocated time, followed by Q&A.

All submissions will be presented to the audience and the invited speakers. The authors will also receive written feedback, including general comments, specific clarifications, and suggestions, from at least 2 of the 9PDS panel of entrepreneurship experts. This high-quality feedback will help authors improve their manuscripts and get published in top academic journals in entrepreneurship.

## Registration

Thanks to the generous support from our sponsors, the **registration fee** can be kept at a moderate rate of **190€** per participant.

The authors of accepted proposals will receive information on registering and paying together with decision letters (**February 28th, 2026**).





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# See you in Seville ; )

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