Research on entrepreneurship, culture, finance and their impact on economic development has reached an outstanding level thanks to hundreds of scientists around the world, contributing to a better understanding of these interrelated phenomena. However, despite the growing number of studies, we do not fully know how entrepreneurship is conceived, fostered and maintained in different cultural, political and financial conditions. Many studies have shown that history matters, and a number of past processes are being pursued, especially in the case of extensive cultural heritage. That said, the way we understand and address the issues is noticeably enhanced by considering, debating, and confronting our existing knowledge and what our peers are doing. For fundamental, true, scientific progress, we need deep and constructive exchanges. The Seventh Entrepreneurship, Culture, Finance and Economic Development – ECFED International Workshop is specifically designed to facilitate high level, high intensity discussion and fruitful exchange between scholars involved in entrepreneurship research. The number of participants is limited in order to support strong individual participation, the development of convivial relations and the wide feedback from the peer audience.

Preceded by the first, held at the University of Caen Normandy, France, in June 2008, the second, held at the University of Cartagena, Spain, in June 2010, the third held in Belgium at the University of Namur, in June 2012, the fourth held in Austria at the Alpen-Adria University Klagenfurt, in July 2014, the fifth held in Lyon at the University Lumiè re France, in June 2016, and the sixth held in Santander at the University of Cantabria in Spain, in June 2018, the Seventh Entrepreneurship, Culture, Finance and Economic Development International Workshop will take place in Lublin, Poland, at the Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, on June 22nd–23rd, 2020. It will be organized in accordance with the above principles. We expect a tremendous forum to discuss recent, original research conducted on entrepreneurship and small business. Papers and presentations will be in English. All submitted proposals, taking the form of full papers or extended abstracts, will be peer reviewed prior to acceptance.

Conference topics

Papers, either theoretical or empirical, must be clearly linked to Entrepreneurship and/or Small Business. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Entrepreneurship and its Historical and Contemporary Context
- Entrepreneurship and Regional Development
- Entrepreneurship and Education
- Entrepreneurial Motives
- Ambitious Entrepreneurship
- Employers versus Solo Self-employed
We also encourage submissions which relate research results from other areas of research to the topics of the workshop.

Important dates

- Deadline for submission of full papers or extended abstracts: April 10, 2020.
- Decisions will be made and announced by May 1, 2020.
- Final submission deadline by May 31, 2020.
- Participant registration and payment of workshop fee by May 31, 2020.

Doctoral Track

Before the regular workshop sessions, a doctoral track with feedback and discussion will take place. We therefore encourage PhD students to attend and to present their PhD projects and first drafts. The number of accepted applications will be limited.

Submission guidelines

- All papers or extended abstracts should be sent to UMCS by e-mail: ecfed2020@umcs.pl
- Please identify your email with subject "Name and Surname". In case you are a PhD student, do not forget to mention it in the subject.
- Full paper must be written in English and submitted in Word format.
- Use 11 pt Calibri font.
- Set the paper size to A4 (21 × 29.7 cm).
- The page margins must be set as: top 2.5 cm, left 2.5 cm, right 2.5 cm, bottom 2.5 cm.
- Include tables and figures at appropriate points in the text; ensure all figures and tables are cited in the text, in numerical order.
- Check that all the figures and tables are clearly legible.
- Suggested paper length is 20 pages, including all figures, tables and references.
- The first page of the full paper should contain the following information:
  - Paper title.
  - Authors: full name of authors, use numbers to indicate affiliations if necessary.
  - Affiliation: provide addresses of the authors’ institutes; and also email of the corresponding author.
  - Abstract: less than 250 words, present the main points of the paper.
  - Topic of the workshop.
  - Keywords: 4 keywords.
Publication

We expect a selection of papers to be published in a book by an international publishing company and/or a special issue in an international peer-reviewed journal.

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Registration fee

Accepted contributors: 280 euros
Non-contributors: 380 euros
PhD students accepted for the doctoral track: free

The registration fee includes: attendance, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 gala dinner and coffee breaks. The registration fee must be paid no later than May 31, 2020 by bank transfer.

Payment should be made to:
- Bank Name: mBank SA
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Please take special care to include the above reference and full name with your payment instructions.

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