

# SIG 03 - ENT - Entrepreneurship

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We look forward to receiving your submissions.

## ST03 04 - Entrepreneurial Finance

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## **Short description:**

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## Long description:

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The mission of this track is to encourage research and inquiry in the very exciting field of entrepreneurial finance. We especially encourage the submission of papers on topics related (but not limited) to:



- Corporate finance issues relevant to entrepreneurial firms and small businesses
- Entrepreneurial finance in emerging markets (e.g. South America, Africa)
- Regional variation in the availability of external finance
- The market for formal and informal venture capital
- Entrepreneurial finance during crises
- Innovations in capital markets for small and medium enterprises
- Incubators and accelerators as an alternative form of early stage financing
- Start-up accelerators: financial business models and critical success factors
- Crowdfunding as a source of financing for innovation: opportunities and challenges
- Crowdfunding vs. business angel and venture capital financing: complements or substitutes?
- Recent trends in business angel financing



- Gender in Entrepreneurial finance
- New trends: bitcoins, ICO's, ...

## **Keywords:**

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