



2nd DOCTORAL SEMINAR ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP Summer 2008 (13 – 16 June 2008)

The first Doctoral Seminar on Entrepreneurship in Turku, Finland was organized as part of the ICSB World Conference in 2007. The 2nd Doctoral Seminar on Entrepreneurship will be organized in 2008. The main organizers are Turku School of Economics and Åbo Akademi University.

► When and where?

The seminar will take place 13–16 June and it will be held on a Fagerholm island in the Turku archipelago facilitating inspiring academic discussions and nocturnal networking opportunities.

► Why should you go there?

To encourage the emergence of new ideas and dialogue among students and researchers in the field of Entrepreneurship research from different countries, we invite doctoral students to attend this doctoral seminar taking place in a unique environment. In the seminar Ph.D. Students will present their research proposals (not results from finished research). Research proposals presented will be discussed by senior researchers as well as by younger researchers experienced in the specific field of the research.

► How is the programme organised?

Students make formal presentations of their research followed by formal comments by faculty as well as fellow participants. Informal discussions with faculty as well as lectures on methodology and key issues are also included. Discussions occur around breakfast, lunch and dinner. Time is available for social networking to create enduring research contacts among the participants and faculty.



► **Who is there to guide you?**

The internationally recognized faculty covering a broad range of topics and methodologies for the Doctoral Seminar includes Prof. Malin Brännback (Åbo Akademi, Finland), Adjunct Prof. Jarna Heinonen and Ulla Hytti (Turku School of Economics, Finland), Prof. Robert Blackburn (Kingston University, UK), Prof. Alan Carsrud (Florida International University, US) and Dr. Veronica Gustavsson (Jönköping International Business School, Sweden).

► **How to enrol for the seminar?**

Interested students are requested to submit a short abstract of their research plan. Please fill in the application form below and send it **by March 31** by e-mail to Katri.Suvanto@tse.fi. The students accepted for the Doctoral Seminar will be notified by April 15, and they will need to submit their full research plan by May 15. The maximum number of participants is 20 students.

► **What does it cost to participate?**

The cost of the seminar for the participants is 395 euros per person including full board and lodging in shared rooms as well as transportation from Turku to the Fagerholm island and back.

► **How to get there?**

Turku is easy to access by plane from Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen. There is also a frequent Express Shuttle Bus service from the Helsinki Vantaa Airport to Turku as well as a train connection from Helsinki to Turku (travel time about 2–2,5 hours). Persons travelling from or through Scandinavia might also enjoy taking the ferry from Stockholm to Turku (about 12 hours). Transportation by boat from Turku to the seminar location on Friday afternoon, 13 June and back to Turku on Monday afternoon, 16 June will be organized for the participants and is included in the price.



Organisers:

Turku is an important location for entrepreneurship research in Finland. All the three universities work closely together to advance entrepreneurship both in theory and in practice.

Turku School of Economics offers higher education in economic science. Entrepreneurship is one of the focal strategic areas of the university and the university offers entrepreneurship studies in its Bachelor, Master and PhD Programmes. The university has about 30–40 researchers actively engaged in entrepreneurship research. The key research areas are growth and internationalisation, academic entrepreneurship, family business and corporate entrepreneurship.

Åbo Akademi University offers both undergraduate and graduate studies and extensive research opportunities to some 8000 students on three campuses. Åbo Akademi University offers Bachelor, Master and Ph D Programs in business studies and training programs in entrepreneurship.

Application to the Doctoral Seminar on Entrepreneurship

Name:

Address:

Tel / Fax:

E-mail:

University where enrolled a Doctoral Student:

Name of the supervisor:

(Working) title of the Doctoral Research:

Methodological approach:

Phase of the research project:

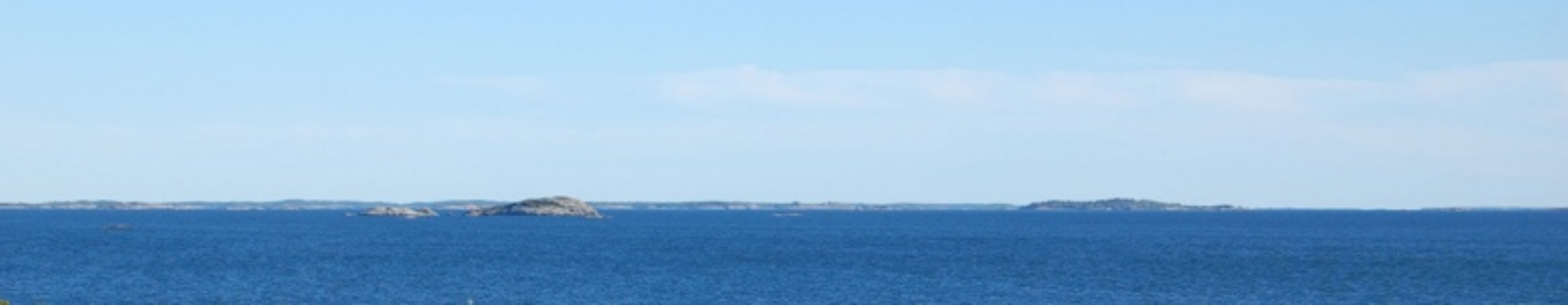
A short summary of the aims, research problems and conducting the research project (about 500 words).



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Testimonials from the seminar in 2007:

- “ The four-day stay at the island was filled with proposal presentations by doctoral students, informative lectures, fruitful and interesting group discussions, long and delicious dinners, and bathing in the sauna. All this, and the beautiful Finnish nature, contributed to the efficient development of the thesis proposals and research plans, as well as analytical thinking within the entrepreneurship discipline.
- “ Good comments and lots of new contacts in the middle of beautiful Finnish archipelago. I recommend it!
- “ The seminar provided an opening for a, still ongoing, discussion group between the participants – also known as 'the entrepreneurs' - and eased networking between people enthusiastic about the same topic. A warm thanks goes to all the organisers and participants for making this great and beneficial experience possible
- “ In addition to the great comments, also the atmosphere of the seminar was excellent!