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Overview of this Special Issue:

Discussing the linkages between local entrepreneurship and regional economic development provides an intriguing starting point for a wider reflection on the role of existing policies and of emerging practices in that promote regional economic development. There is an expansive literature that looks at the role of entrepreneurship and regional economic development. Increasingly, this has been conceptualized in terms of entrepreneurial ecosystems.

However, the literature is fragmented and too often based on problematic assumptions. There are major disconnects between scholars and policymakers and practitioners. For example, a fast growing phenomenon is the rise of ecosystem building and ecosystem builders as championed by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and its ESHIP initiative. Little research has addressed this and presents a significant opportunity for innovative, rigorous research that will influence policy and practice.

Critical issues would include the regional development of peripheral areas that surround the regional development in question. In this sense, the investigation of the linkages between local entrepreneurship and regional development and of the role of existing policies is aimed at deconstructing basic dichotomies often emerging when dealing with issues of regional development. Moreover, focussing attention

on the possible compliance or conflicting strategies of entrepreneurs with existing policies allows the possibilities arising from the analysis of entrepreneurs as agents of change to promote regional economic development. The papers in this special issue would use a variety of research designs, e.g., quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. The suggested themes would include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A fast growing phenomenon is the rise of ecosystem building and ecosystem builders as championed by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and its ESHIP initiative.
- The identification of unique data sources that can be used to assess the relationship between local entrepreneurship and regional economic development;
- Theoretical and practical approaches to the concept of entrepreneurialism and its impacts on regional economic development;
- The role of learning of entrepreneurship and how it can be used to promote regional economic development;
- Important factors in the development of a regional economy via local entrepreneurship and how to measure its quantitative impacts;
- Challenges in measuring the regional economic development and local entrepreneurship, especially in the urban and rural area