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## First Announcement & Call for Papers

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# High Technology Small Firms (HTSF) Conference

on

## Technology and Science-based Business and Entrepreneurship

May (26), 27 & 28, 2019  
UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE  
THE NETHERLANDS

**Abstract submission deadline Feb. 15, 2019**

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### Welcome to the University of Twente!

On behalf of the academic conference committee Peter van der Sijde (VU-Amsterdam), Aard Groen (University of Groningen & University of Twente), Gary Cook (University of Leeds), Rainer Harms (University of Twente) and the local organisers from the Dutch Center for Knowledge-Intensive Entrepreneurship / Department for Entrepreneurship, Strategy & Innovation Management (NIKOS-ESIM), we invite you to present your work at the HTSF conference 2019.

At HTSF, researchers convene to discuss the current state of research on technology and science based entrepreneurship. A particular theme for this years' conference will be on the interface of **entrepreneurship and digital transformation of business, economy, and society**.

This conference will include key notes from academics and practitioners. We have **normal sessions** and **early-stage challenge sessions**. The early-stage challenge sessions are aimed to best support the development of early-stage research of young researchers.

### Conference topic

We invite papers on themes relevant to technology and science entrepreneurship, business creation and growth, entrepreneurial ecosystems, social entrepreneurship, university-industry collaboration, and entrepreneurship education. Particular emphasis is given to papers on **entrepreneurship and digital transformation of business, economy, and society**.

Please find more information on the following pages.

## Conference time line

HTSF2019 begins with an early-arrival reception at the UPark Hotel, Sunday May 26, 1900-2100h. Registration and a breakfast reception is Monday, May 27, 0800-1000. The festive conference dinner is on Monday, May 27, 1930 -. Sessions rejoin Tuesday May 28, 900. We close with an excursion Tuesday late afternoon.

## The Venue

The conference will be held at the UPark Hotel on the University Twente Campus. This newly-built campus hotel offers state-of-the-art conferencing and accommodation. We suggest to make your room reservation early in advance. Other options exist in town, but transportation must be organized yourself.

## Fees

- The fee covers conference material, early-arrival reception (May 26), breakfast reception (May 27), lunches, festive dinner, and excursion.
- For both days, the conference fee for early birds is 475€ (before 13th April) and 575€ after that date, and 225€ for PhD students. PhD status needs to be shown with suitable documentation.
- Payment will have to be made via the Conference webpage payment system (credit card).
- Cancellations after May 2019 cannot be refunded.

## Abstract submission guidelines for HTSF 2019<sup>1</sup>

- Indicate if you submit for a normal paper session or an early-stage challenge session.
- Abstracts include a cover page, the abstract itself, and a reference section.
- The cover page lists the title, authors, affiliation, contact details, and indicates the corresponding author.
- The abstract itself should not exceed two (2) single-spaced pages and may not exceed the maximum limit of 900 words (excluding cover page and references).
- The abstract itself does not indicate author information.
- The abstract itself embeds the topic, and inform about the current state-of-the art, the gap, the relevance of closing the gap, the methods, and (expected) results.
- You can be (co)-author of no more than 3 submissions. If your name appears on more than 3 submissions, we will ask you to withdraw your name from surplus submissions.
- Abstracts are to be submitted in word format, so that we can separate the cover page from the remainder of the document.
- Abstracts are to be submitted by mail to [HTSF2019@utwente.nl](mailto:HTSF2019@utwente.nl)
- Abstract submission is open from November 1, 2019 to February 15, 2019 (deadline 12:00 Amsterdam time).
- The reviewers will consider the potential for completion of the work described in the abstract. This holds for normal papers and to a somewhat lesser extent for early-stage challenge submissions. The reviewers may reassign a paper to a different category.
- If you submit an abstract on a continuing stream of research that you have presented at previous conferences, explain what is new about your current submission.
- The submission of an abstract is done in good faith of planning to attend the conference upon acceptance.

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<sup>1</sup> Many elements from the abstract submission are inspired by the BKERC CfP.

## The abstract and abridged paper

- Upon acceptance, authors compose a 400-word abstract to appear in the conference booklet.
- Upon acceptance, authors compose a 6-page abridged paper.
- Upon acceptance, authors compose a slide set for the conference session.
- Upon acceptance of an early-stage challenge paper, authors receive an early-stage challenge paper from another author they need to discuss.

## The sessions

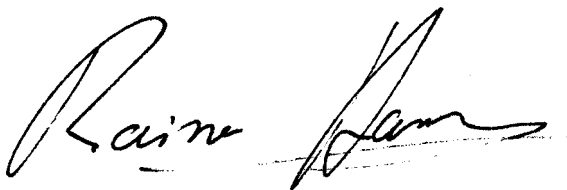
- Sessions are thematically grouped collections of presentation lasting 1.5h.
- We offer three types of sessions: normal sessions, early-stage challenge sessions, and roundtable panels.
  - **Normal sessions are the typical paper presentation sessions for work that is very advanced or even complete.** Depending on the number of presenters, the time of presenting and discussing is: 3 papers: 20 min presentation, 10 min discussion; 4 papers: 12 min presentation, 10 min discussion; 5 papers: 12 min presentation, 6 min discussion.
  - **Early-stage challenge sessions** are aimed for work that is in more preliminary stages. In an early-stage challenge session, as well as presenting their own paper in a slightly shorter time of 15 minutes, each presenter reviews one of the other papers in the session and acts as discussant. Following the author's 15 minute presentation, the designated reviewer presents a constructive assessment and review of the paper with questions when appropriate questions for 5 minutes. The reviewer can show just one PowerPoint slide to summarize the main points or issues. ESCS end with a normal 10 minutes of discussion with the session chair and audience. ESCS provide the opportunity to receive additional comprehensive feedback on manuscripts and presentations. The abstract submission system gives authors the possibility to opt out of challenge sessions and to present their paper in the normal format. Depending on the number of presenters, the time for presenting is: 3 papers: 15 min presentation, 10 min discussant, 5 min public discussion; 4 papers: 10 min presentation, 8 min discussant, 4 min open discussion; 5 papers: 7 min presentation, 7 min discussant, 4 min open discussion.
  - **Roundtable panels** with well-known and well established researchers, practitioners and journal editors will debate trends in the field both regarding issues and research approaches. Conference participants will be invited to participate in the panel debates with comments and questions

**Deadlines and further deliverables**

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Actor</b>
Until Feb. 15	Submission of 2-page abstract	author
Until March 1	Notification of acceptance from the conference organizers. Conference registration system opens. Allocation of early-stage peer-review papers.	committee
Until April 1	Register and pay. Submit 6-page abridged paper. Submit 400-word abstract (for the conference booklet). Submit slideset (for smooth operations during conference day). Submit 1pg .ppt discussion notes (discussants in ESCS). Organize and book the trip.	author
May 1	Preliminary programme	committee
May 26	Early arrivals reception	all
May 27 & 28	Conference	all

If you have further inquiries, please mail to [HTSF2019@utwente.nl](mailto:HTSF2019@utwente.nl)  
 Also check the conference web page at <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/nikos/events/HTSF2019/>

Kind regards, Yours,



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 (for the organizing committee)