Track: Entrepreneurship and Resilience (ER)

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Description of the track
Climate change and demographics imply more and more people are vulnerable to meteorological shocks. Such shocks can cause a lot of damage and devastation, but the available evidence suggests that economies have quite a remarkable ability to rebound and recover. In this track we invite papers that explore the role of entrepreneurship in strengthening this economic resilience at the local level. The mechanisms that can be explored can zoom in on how small firms recover from natural disaster impacts, but resilience can be interpreted more broadly. Small firms and entrepreneurs are flexible almost by definition and this could be reflected in local entrepreneurial ecosystems being more resilient to external shocks on any type.

Key topics and research questions of the track
- Are entrepreneurs more effective in handling external shocks?
- Are regions with high rates of entrepreneurial and small business activity more or less resilient to external shocks?
- Is the limited access to financial services and insurance for small and medium sized enterprise an inhibiting factor in recovery from external shocks?
- Etc.

We particularly encourage conceptual and empirical papers that advance our understanding of the resilience-entrepreneurship nexus (e.g., case studies and participant observations), and that have both scientific and societal relevance (including extensive practical and policy implications). Submission of work in progress is also gladly welcomed.

The deadline for submissions is 15th June 2019.
All submissions must use the submission template and use the submission procedure on the webpage otherwise they will not be considered for review.
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