

Call for Extended Abstracts

University of Westminster Research Colloquium on Entrepreneurship and Society

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London, UK | August 27-28, 2025 (Extended Abstract Submissions due June 15, 2025)

Overview

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in shaping societies—driving innovation, generating employment, and contributing to the development of more dynamic, resilient economies. Yet the ways in which entrepreneurship intersects with broader societal systems remain rich with unanswered questions.

The *University of Westminster Research Colloquium on Entrepreneurship and Society* invites submissions that explore the multifaceted connections between entrepreneurship and societal development. We welcome research that advances academic understanding while also offering clear practical implications for entrepreneurs, ecosystem stakeholders, and policy makers.

Areas of interest include (but are not limited to):

- The role of entrepreneurial ecosystems in local, regional, and national economic development
- Social entrepreneurship and hybrid ventures addressing societal needs through market-based solutions
- Entrepreneurship-led models of resilience, renewal, and innovation in response to economic or institutional shifts
- Public policy, infrastructure, and institutional enablers of entrepreneurship
- The emergence of new markets and business models in civic tech, sustainability, and community development
- Comparative ecosystem studies and cross-country perspectives on entrepreneurial engagement

We encourage conceptual, theoretical, and empirical submissions from diverse methodological and disciplinary perspectives.

Submission Guidelines

Extended abstracts of up to 1,500 words (excluding references, tables, and figures) should be submitted by June 15, 2025. Submissions should articulate the central research question, theoretical grounding, methodology (if applicable), key insights, and intended contributions—both scholarly and practical.

Colloquium Format & Publication Opportunity

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present their work at the University of Westminster on August 27–28, 2025. There is no cost to register or participate. The event will feature interactive paper development sessions, peer-to-peer networking, and opportunities to engage with members of the *Journal of Small Business Management* editorial board.

Following the colloquium, authors will be invited to submit full papers by October 31, 2025. These manuscripts will be eligible for expedited editorial and peer review at *JSBM*, subject to the journal's usual standards of quality and fit.

Timeline

- June 15, 2025 – Extended abstracts due
- June 30, 2025 – Acceptance notifications
- August 27–28, 2025 – In-person colloquium at University of Westminster, London
- October 31, 2025 – Full papers due for expedited *JSBM* review

Colloquium Team

- Juliana Chitac, University of Westminster (Colloquium Host & Research Fellow)
- Spinder Dhaliwal, University of Westminster (Colloquium Host & Leader Entrepreneurship Research Group)
- Eric Liguori, Florida State University (JSBM Co-Editor-In-Chief)
- Christina Theodoraki, Aix-Marseille University (JSBM AE)
- Ondřej Dvouletý, Prague University of Economics and Business (JSBM AE)

Submissions

Submissions should be sent via email to jsbm@icsb.org and include full information for all authors (names, affiliations, contact information).

About the *Journal of Small Business Management*

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About the *University of Westminster*

Founded in 1838, the University of Westminster is a globally recognized institution committed to advancing knowledge, creativity, and practical impact. With a strong emphasis on innovation, enterprise, and international collaboration, Westminster supports research and education that respond to the evolving needs of society and business. Its central London location and diverse academic community provide an ideal setting for interdisciplinary engagement and thought leadership.