



RCEA Conference on Growth, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

September 20-21, 2019, Lazaridis School of Business and Economics,
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Keynote speakers: **John Haltiwagner** *University of Maryland, College Park, NBER and IZA*
Josh Lerner *Harvard Business School and NBER*

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (RCEA) and the Lazaridis Institute for the Management of Technology Enterprises invite papers to be considered for RCEA Conference on Growth, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

With recent slowdown in economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship became one of the leading areas of economic and management research. Growth results from the effort of innovative entrepreneurs, with new technologies replacing old ones. This trend is expected to accelerate with adoption of artificial intelligence, robotics and machine learning. The goal of the conference is to bring together leading researchers and policymakers to discuss and contribute to the understanding of issues related to economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship. We welcome theoretical, empirical and policy – oriented papers in all areas of economics and finance related to the overarching theme of the conference.

RCEA is a private, international non-profit organization dedicated to independent research in applied and theoretical economics and related fields. Originally set up in Rimini, Italy, it is now headquartered at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario with branches in Italy and Poland.

The Lazaridis Institute was established to help Canadian technology companies become globally competitive. It helps firms reach their next level of growth through innovative new programs and a global network of expert mentors.

RCEA has been running numerous conferences and workshops. Past invited speakers have included Nobel Prize laureates Robert Mundell and Michael Spence as well as, among others, Philippe Aghion, Costas Azariadis, Larry Ball, Steven Cecchetti, Gilles Duranton, Gauti Eggertsson, Elhanan Helpman, David Hendry, Peter Howitt, Charles Jones, Thomas Lemieux, Hashem Pesaran, Peter C. B. Phillips, James Robinson, Steven Ross and Arnold Zellner.

Keynote speakers



John Haltiwanger is the Dudley and Louisa Dillard Professor of Economics and Distinguished University Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland-College Park. His main contributions are the analysis of the determinants of firm-level job creation, job destruction, and economic performance and the development and study of longitudinal firm-level microdata.



Josh Lerner is the Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking at HBS, the Head of the Entrepreneurial Management Unit and a co-director of the NBER Productivity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Program. His main contributions are his work on venture capital and private equity organizations, with particular focus on innovation financing, and on policies on innovation and how they impact firm strategies.

SUBMISSIONS

Authors should submit an extended abstract of up to 500 words. Please include with the submission JEL classification codes for the paper as well as keywords. Complete papers may be submitted but the extended abstract is required. In case of more than one author the name of presenter should be underlined.

To submit a paper please send the abstract/paper to the conference e-mail at RCEAGrowth@rcea.org

Proposals for sessions, consisting of three or four papers, are particularly welcome. If you are interested in submitting a session, please send session topic, author names, titles and abstracts to RCEA director, Jurek Konieczny, at jurek@wlu.ca

Submission deadline: June 7, 2019.

Notification of acceptance: Authors will be notified by the workshop scientific committee's decision by **June 17, 2019.**

Authors coming from countries with special visa requirements should specify so in their submission so that they can be notified as soon as possible.

There are no submission fees.

REGISTRATION

Registration will start on **June 17, 2019** on the conference website www.RCEA.org

The registration fee for presenters are: (CAD=Canadian dollar)

Students: CAD 100

RCEA Senior Fellows and Fellows: CAD210

Others: CAD 320

Late Fee: CAD 420

Late fee will be applied to all registrations received after **August 17, 2019**

The fees include HST and all meals at the conference site, including (except for students) a reception on the evening of September 19 and dinner on September 20.

The registration fee for other participants is \$100. In addition, the cost of reception is \$60 and dinner is \$80.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Review of Economic Analysis (REA), www.RofEA.org, an open access journal published by RCEA, is planning to publish a special issue from the workshop. The papers submitted to the special issue will go through the usual refereeing process. *REA* charges no submission or publication fees.

Information about current and past RCEA activities can be found at www.RCEA.org

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- **Submission deadline: June 7, 2019.**
- Notification of acceptance: **June 17, 2019**
- Opening of early registration: **June 17, 2019**
- Late registration starts: **August 17, 2019**
- Event dates: **September 20-21, 2019**

For additional information about paper submission, accommodation and registration contact RCEAGrowth@rcea.org or jurek@wlu.ca