

CIRCLE 10th Anniversary Seminar, Lund, 2014

Innovation as a Solution to Societal Challenges

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CIRCLE was established in July 2004. During these ten years it has grown in terms of size and influence. Currently it unites more than 50 researchers in the fields of economic geography, economics, business administration, economic history and others. It has become one of the largest centers in the field of innovation studies, recognized by peers all over the world.

Research at CIRCLE covers a range of topics: innovation systems and innovation policy; globalization of innovation; sustainable transitions; innovation and entrepreneurship; innovation, skills and strategies. It aims to understand how innovation can help tackle societal challenges, like economic crises, climate change or increased globalization of innovation activities. Thus, celebrating our 10th year anniversary we organize an open seminar 'Innovation as a Solution to Societal Challenges' **which aims** to illustrate and discuss what innovation studies as a research field can add to our understanding of and ability to cope with societal challenges. The seminar provides an opportunity to discuss present and future of innovation studies performed at CIRCLE and other prominent research organizations in the field. It also allows for interaction with policy makers from Swedish and international organizations and places research results in policy making process. In addition, the opening panel will tell the history of CIRCLE as an organization and reveal the richness of CIRCLE research.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar is organized around 5 panel discussions:

- Opening panel: Past, Present and Future of CIRCLE
- Panel I: The Challenge of Recovering and Preventing Economic Crisis
- Panel II: The Challenge of Responding to the Increased Globalization of Economic Activities and Mobility of Talent
- Panel III: The Challenge of Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change
- Panel IV: Policy Making for Overcoming Societal Challenges – How Can Innovation Studies Help?.

Each panel consists of 4-5 panellists which will start the discussion by giving 10 minutes presentation each. It will be followed by interactive discussion within the panel and between the panellists and the audience.

PANELLISTS

Confirmed panellists include:

- External guests:
 - Stan Metcalfe** – Emeritus Professor of Political Economy, founding director of the ESCR Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition, Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, Manchester Business School, University of Manchester,
 - Simona Iammarino** – Professor in Economic Geography, deputy head of the Department of Economic Geography, London School of Economics,
 - Maryann Feldman** – Heninger Distinguished Professor in the Department of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina, US, winner of the 2013 Global Entrepreneurship Award,

Merik Gertler – Professor of Geography and Planning, Vice Chancellor of Toronto University,

Keld Laursen – Professor of the Economics and Management of Innovation, Vice-President of the European Academy of Management, Department of Innovation and Organizational Economics, Copenhagen Business School,

Roberta Rabellotti – Professor of Economics, Department of Political and Social Sciences University of Pavia.

- CIRCLE researchers: Prof. Charles Edquist, Prof. Björn Asheim, Prof. Ron Boschma, Prof. Åsa Lindholm Dahlstrand, Assoc. Prof. Michaela Trippel, Prof. Cristina Chaminade, Assoc. Prof. Lars Coenen, Prof. Koen Frenken.

PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

The seminar is free of charge and open to everyone who is interested. However, if you plan to participate in the event, we kindly ask you to register **by the 13th of November, Thursday**, via seminar website:

<http://www2.circle.lu.se/events/>

Free lunch will be provided to all registered participants.

For further questions, please contact us via circle10th.anniversary@circle.lu.se

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We looking forward to meeting you in Lund!