

PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY

VENTURE CREATION AND CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

The question of entrepreneurship as part of the solution to global poverty is receiving increasing attention from scholars, economic development professionals, government officials, NGOs, and others. Yet, little evidence exists regarding the extent to which entrepreneurship actually moves individuals and their families out of poverty. While much of the research has been conducted in a developing country context, there is growing interest in the role of venture creation by those in poverty and disadvantaged circumstances (including many minorities, refugees, and the formerly incarcerated), in developed economies. Europe represents a case in point. In this two-hour session, we will share perspectives from three of the leading scholars in entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship on issues surrounding the entrepreneurship as a poverty alleviation tool in Europe.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

1030 JENKINS NANOVIC HALLS

11AM - 1PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- I. Introduction - The Poverty Challenge in Developed Economics: Michael Morris
- II. Poverty and Necessity vs. Opportunity-Driven Entrepreneurship: Sophie Bacq
- III. Pathways Into and Out of Poverty - Insights from Spain: Susana Santos
- IV. Entrepreneurial Responses to Poverty and Other Adversity: Dean Shepherd
- V. Panel - Can Entrepreneurship Make a Dent in Poverty?: Clemens Sedmak (moderator)



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