Formation, growth and exit of firms are crucial for innovation, employment and structural change in modern economies. The aim of this conference is to discuss recent scientific contributions on the interdependencies between finance, human capital, innovation as well as investment activities of young firms. Papers introducing recent theoretical, econometric and policy-oriented studies from all areas of entrepreneurship research are invited. The non-exhaustive list of topics includes:

- Personal traits and motivation of entrepreneurs, genetics and entrepreneurship
- Human capital of founders and entrepreneurial experience
- Socio-demographic aspects of entrepreneurship (e.g. ethnic entrepreneurship, female entrepreneurship)
- Entrepreneurial teams
- Digital entrepreneurship
- Incubators, corporate and academic spin-offs
- Financing of young firms: venture capital, business angels, crowdfunding, banks
- Entrepreneurship and taxation
- Impact on employment, wages and workplace quality
- Impact and efficiency of public entrepreneurship policies
- Impact of economic crises on young firms
- Entrepreneurship in emerging markets
- Explaining the evolution of entrepreneurship over time
- (Regional) systems of entrepreneurship

Invited Speakers
Thomas Åstebro (HEC Paris), Guido Bünstorf (University of Kassel), Javier Miranda (US Census Bureau), Rosemarie Ziedonis (Boston University)

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Submission Deadline
March 6, 2016. Interested researchers are invited to submit a paper or an extended abstract (3 pages minimum) to entrepreneurship2016@zew.de. Notifications of acceptance by April 4, 2016.

Registration Deadline
May 16, 2016. The conference fee is € 195, which covers the conference package, meals, refreshments, coffee breaks and the conference dinner. For participants presenting a paper, the conference fee is reduced to € 165. A selected number of travel grants will be available upon request. Presenters will be asked to discuss another paper. Papers and further information on the conference will be made available on the conference web page: www.zew.de/entrepreneurship2016

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