

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# USC/Unil/Bank-Al-Maghrib Workshop on “Small Business, Development and Growth”

October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Bank-Al-Maghrib, [Rabat](#), Morocco

Submission Deadline: **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Keynote speech by **Imran Rasul** (UCL)

The aim of this two-day workshop is to bring together researchers working on **small business, development and growth** to present and discuss their ongoing research. We invite submissions of both empirical and theoretical papers with either microeconomic and macroeconomic approaches, with a **focus on issues that are of importance to emerging and developing economies**, such as:

- Access to external finance;
- Access to input and output markets, participation in export markets and global value chains;
- Managerial efficiency, span of control, and delegation;
- Informality;
- Innovation and technology adoption;
- Entrepreneurship and business dynamics;
- Public policies to stimulate small business growth, etc.

The conference will feature a **keynote speech** by **Imran Rasul** (University College London) and there will be a **policy panel on policy options to foster SME growth**. Confirmed panelists: Debora Revoltella (EIB), Sara Bertin (African Development Bank), Harry Devonshire (Argidius Foundation), Hicham Zanati (Tamwilcom).

The workshop, hosted by Bank Al-Maghrib, will be held in [Rabat](#), Morocco on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The conference organizers will cover lunches, the conference dinner, travel and hotel accommodations for all participants. Conditions for reimbursement will follow the [CEPR guidelines](#). The workshop will be held **in person** except for the policy panel, which will be broadcasted live.

**Complete papers or extended abstracts** can be sent to [smallbusinessworkshop2022@gmail.com](mailto:smallbusinessworkshop2022@gmail.com) by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Authors of accepted submissions will be notified by **the end of July 2022**. We plan to include 8-10 papers with **discussants**. Please indicate at the time of submission whether you would be willing to act as a discussant.

**Scientific Committee:** Vittorio Bassi (USC), Kenza Benhima (HEC-Lausanne), Romain Rancière (USC), Abdessamad Saidi (Bank-Al-Maghrib).