

Presents the PhD Defence



Entrepreneurship's role in Local Economic Development

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- **How can cities & regions improve the economic standards of their citizens?**
- **Can entrepreneurial dynamics offer sustainable social & economic development?**

On the doorstep of 2012, socioeconomic standards of many citizens in the Western countries are decreasing and more are at risk. Today most people agree economic policy makers and business people have been making bad decisions over in recent years. But were they wrong? What can the local-regional level learn from it?

In this presentation I will talk about the following issues, among others:

- ✓ *Innovation (in the broad sense) by curious local economic development strategies.*
- ✓ *Vallejo in California went bankrupt in 2008 (the largest city in USA), and why it matters to a place like Frederikshavn.*
- ✓ *How entrepreneurs are different from you and me. But maybe you're an entrepreneur?*
- ✓ *An alternative for the 50 Harvard students who walked out of an economics class last month to join Occupy Global.*

These basic findings are based on mixed methods research mainly done in the periphery of Denmark and the San Francisco Bay Area. I focus on local economic development literature, entrepreneurship, economic geography and discourse analysis.

**Time and venue:** Friday 16 December 2011, 13:00 -- Fibigerstræde 11, 115. Aalborg Ø, Denmark

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If you may come, please register (before 9 Dec) here: <http://doodle.com/bykc7en3edbr48n8> Reception to follow

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