As global cities around the world continue to attract both domestic migrants and international migrants into their bustling metropolises, (im)migrant entrepreneurship emerges as an important urban phenomenon that calls for careful examination. From Chinatown in New York, to Silicon Valley in San Francisco, and little Africa in Guangzhou, migrant- and immigrant-owned businesses are not only changing the business landscape in their hosting cities, but also transforming the spatial, economic, social, and cultural form of local communities. Forward-thinking global cities have started to initiate various policy tools to tap into the urban development potential of (im)migrant entrepreneurship and ease the hurdles and challenges (im)migrant business owners face.

This panel invites submissions that explore various dimensions of (im)migrant entrepreneurship and urban development in global cities and seek to contribute to this growing literature through comparative case studies from different parts of the world and theory building. Potential topics include but not limited to: the entry dynamics, business performance, challenges, and impact of (im)migrant entrepreneurship; connection between urban contextual environment and (im)migrant entrepreneurship; (im)migrant entrepreneurship in community building, place making, and spatial transformation; urban policies towards (im)migrant entrepreneurship and their effectiveness; changing demographics and industrial sectors of (im)migrant entrepreneurs; transnational networks and implications of (im)migrant entrepreneurship. Other topics that fit in this general topic are welcome as well. Disciplinary frameworks and research methods are open.