



JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

*Jönköping International  
Business School*

# CEnSE

Centre for Entrepreneurship  
and Spatial Economics



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# POLICY-RELEVANT RESEARCH

We organize, support and carry out innovative, high-quality and policy relevant research.

CEnSE is a multi-disciplinary institute that performs applied research relating to issues of entrepreneurship and business renewal, regional development and growth, and the interrelation between urban and rural areas. We address policy relevant problems, such as how accessibility affects regional growth and the way entrepreneurial and innovative processes in business and society are dependent on knowledge and creativity.

CEnSE is an international research milieu where all our activities such as seminars, workshops and daily communication are held in English.

We are a leading knowledge hub for industry, organizations, and governments – on both a national and international level. Since CEnSE was set up in 2010, we have been actively carrying out policy-relevant research in projects such as the EU Rural Development Programme, advising on infrastructure projects such as the high-speed railway project and regional development issues such as regional innovation systems.

To find out more about our current projects, visit our website at [JU.SE/CENSE](http://JU.SE/CENSE)

## OUR FOCUS AREAS:

- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Urban rural dynamics
- Regional development

We are a team of 30 active researchers, over half from international backgrounds. Together we have published over 400 articles in leading scientific journals and successfully defended over 15 PhD theses.

## We are active in one of the most entrepreneurial regions of Scandinavia

CEnSE is located at Jönköping International Business School, in the city centre of Jönköping. We work within a region in Sweden that has a unique and long history of private enterprise. The entrepreneurial spirit here creates a dynamic business community that attracts talent and innovative minds from all over the world.



# Helping you and your business

Our research contributes to the understanding of the process of starting up a firm. We also contribute to the understanding of entrepreneurship - its causes and the factors that are important in making it successful. Vital to the research conducted at CEnSE is to assess the external environment and its importance for different stakeholders. The region sets the prerequisite for the actors and is where firms, entrepreneurs, and policy makers interact, and where their decisions and actions have the largest impact. As such, the large and increasing differences across the urban-rural hierarchy can influence the outcome for economic actors and the overall regional development where entrepreneurship plays such an important role.

“ *CEnSE is a research centre that is an active local partner, contributing with world-leading expert knowledge for the development of the business climate here in Jönköping. This gives our business community uniquely good conditions to thrive in. I believe that these kinds of collaborations between academia and business are extremely important.* ”

**SVEN RYDELL**  
HEAD OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
JÖNKÖPING MUNICIPALITY

## RESEARCHING TOGETHER

### Collaborations

CEnSE is primarily financed by external funding, which means that many projects are run in collaboration with different partners in academia as well as in business and policymaking organizations. Our collaborators include among others the Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, Vinnova, the Chamber of Commerce - Jönköping County, and the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis.

### Workshops and seminars

Each year CEnSE organizes a workshop on various topics, such as peer effects and labour market outcomes, entrepreneurship, labour market integration, tourism and hospitality. The workshops attract well-renowned national and international scholars. CEnSE also hosts several seminars each year inviting expert scholars and practitioners. Please contact us if you are interested to join our seminars and learn more. For more information on upcoming workshops and seminars please visit: [JU.SE/CENSE](https://ju.se/cense)

### Visiting Scholar Program

Each year, CEnSE welcomes international guests, both senior and junior researchers, to our centre. If you are interested in joining us for a short or long visit, please contact us at [CENSE@JU.SE](mailto:CENSE@JU.SE)





## GET IN TOUCH



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