Preface

This edited volume consists of a selection of papers, first presented and discussed at the 17th Uddevalla Symposium (www.symposium hv.se) on ‘Geography of Growth: The Frequency, Nature and Consequences of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Regions of Varying Density’ that was held at Bohusgården Hotel, Uddevalla Sweden, 12–14 June 2014 and hosted by University West, Trollhättan, Sweden. The objective of the symposium was to provide a unique opportunity for the participants to discuss ground-breaking concepts, ideas, frameworks, theories and methods, as well as empirical results in plenary key-note sessions and parallel paper sessions. Each of the papers has been revised both after the symposium and after a careful referee process.

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