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CALL FOR PAPER

The exploration of sustainable development issues is still very open, especially at the regional level. These issues inspired Unmer Graduate Program in a sustainable manner to develop research and teaching. The conference is based on the belief that there are a large number of contemporary studies that are interdisciplinary and in the form of regional case studies in different countries. We need a range of inputs that will be the foundation for the specific study of environmental engineering, sustainable cities, and natural resource management.

The special themes we prepare are based on several issues in economics, and the field of architecture in order to explore the possibilities of interdisciplinary characters. Authors are invited to submit their papers with the following subthemes (but not limited to):

**Subthemes of Natural Sciences**
- Architecture for Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- Architecture for Resilient Infrastructure and Sustainable Industrialization.
- Architecture for Affordable and Clean Energy
- Environmental Engineering for Clean Water and Sanitation.

**Subthemes of Economic**
- Decent Work and Economic Growth for Economic Sustainability at Global Competition from Development of Tourism, Entrepreneurship, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Industry Innovation and Infrastructure Supported by Development of Accounting; Banking; Capital Market; Tourism Production and Consumption; Business Management; Marketing; HRM; Institutions
- Innovation for Decent Work; SMEs; Creative Industry; Entrepreneurship,
- Sustainability in Accounting
- Corporate Governance & Corporate Social Responsibility

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Anh Tran Tuan, University of Technology Malaysia
- Dr. Hasni Haron, University of Technology Malaysia
- Prof. Loke Keng Ming, Macquarie University, Australia
- Prof. Hanum Fajri, Sebelas Maret University, Indonesia
- Prof. Noor Ali, Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana, Indonesia
- Prof. Fahmi Y. Ul Haq, The Indonesian Institute of Accountants: Accounting Lecturer, Indonesia

INVITED SPEAKERS

- Prof. Mamdouh A. Ahmed

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for Full Paper Submission: September 2nd, 2018
- Notification of Paper Acceptance: September 10th, 2018
- Deadline for Registration: September 17th, 2018

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  - International Presenter: USD 190
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IMPROVING SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OF CREATIVE INDUSTRY THROUGH STRATEGIC ALLIANCES TO OVERCOME ENVIRONMENTAL TURBULENCE

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ABSTRACT
Fundamental changes in the business environment that cause turbulence are suspected making many companies difficult to maintain competitive advantage. To restore competitive advantage, MSEs, need to take strategic steps through strategic alliance that is the most appropriate approach to an increasingly turbulent environment. This study aims to examine the effect of strategic alliances as mediating variables in the relationship between environmental turbulence and sustainable competitive advantage. The design of this study uses 130 craft industries. Data collection was conducted in all region of Malang Raya including Malang Regency, Malang City and Batu City. The findings show that environmental turbulence does not have a significant relationship with sustainable competitive advantage but has a significant relationship with strategic alliance. Strategic alliance has a significant relationship with sustainable competitive advantage. Strategic alliance will mediate the relationship between environmental turbulence and sustainable competitive advantage. The analysis showed that highly environmental turbulence tended to highly strategic alliance. The result of the study show that strategic alliance practiced by SMEs has been significantly affected the sustainable competitive advantage. It indicated that strategic alliance offers a systematic model for supporting SMEs to build a well-maintained environment and sustainable competitive advantage.

Keywords: Environmental Turbulence, strategic alliance, Sustainable Competitive Advantage.

1. INTRODUCTION
Competitiveness is the principle key to success and survival in globalization. This competitiveness arises not only in the form of products but also in quality. Salman (2010) showed that the quality of the product can be obtained through imaging or creating innovative products that are not quite the same as different areas. Creativity was expected to make inventive products. From this point, the creative economy finds its existence.

Creative economy was associated with forms of economic activity related to creation and used of knowledge and information. This activity come from the utilization of individual's creativities, skills, and talents to create prosperity and employment by generating individual's creative and creative power that has enhance economic value and influence the welfare of the community (INPRES No. 6, 2009).