Call for Papers - Special Issue

NAVIGATING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PROCESS: EVIDENCE-BASED INVESTIGATIONS

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Introduction and background

It has been suggested that the fundamental activity of entrepreneurship is the establishment of a new business which is characterized as a process. The entrepreneurial process is often conceptualized as a combination of various functions, activities and actions associated with opportunity recognition and venture creation.

Recently there has been a call to synthesize the various entrepreneurial process models as well as the emergence of evidence-based entrepreneurship, which follows the science-informed practice of entrepreneurship (this includes the systematic accumulation and interpretation of evidence from the field of entrepreneurship scholarship).

This special issue will combine these two streams of inquiry and will focus on understanding the entrepreneurial process in a systematic and comprehensive manner that is useful to both scholars and practitioners. The study of entrepreneurship as a process and the reciprocal link between the different entrepreneurial tasks in each phase and behaviours constitutes an important input to evidence-based entrepreneurship. Understanding the entrepreneurial process using an evidence-based approach represents one of the core questions for the domain of entrepreneurship as it represents real-life practices and contexts.

This special issue aims to take advantage of the emerging research interest in the field of evidence-based entrepreneurship and in the entrepreneurship process, as evidenced by papers such as:


Given the recognized need for data-based and integrative studies of the entrepreneurship process, papers are invited which may address any of the following topics:

- systematic reviews of literature on the entrepreneurial process;
- different theoretical perspectives underlying the entrepreneurial process;
- empirical evidence on generic and distinct practices which inform the entrepreneurial process;
- identifying the entrepreneurial process as a core unit of analysis;
- the relationship and interactions between the different components in the entrepreneurial process;
- demystifying the entrepreneurial tasks in each phase and their connections;
- the importance of the contextual setting in the entrepreneurial process;
- connecting the entrepreneurial process to ‘real life practices’;
- identifying practical implications that address the ‘how’ of entrepreneurship.

**Submissions**

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Expressions of interest – April 2015

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