
Editorial

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Entrepreneurship is influenced by a number of factors including economic development, culture, innovation, new venture performance and the existence of family businesses. This issue discusses these factors through a diverse collection of papers authored by individuals from a number of countries. The first paper by Todorovic and McNaughton discusses the role of cross-cultural entrepreneurship through the establishment of a conceptual framework that links economic development to culture. The paper suggests that entrepreneurship is a result of a number of factors dependent on geographic location. The second paper by Onyango further examines the role that geography plays in entrepreneurial activity through a study on the fishing industry existing in a part of Kenya. The paper highlights that government policies significantly impact on industry development. The third paper by Devlin investigates how indigenous entrepreneurship operate in New Zealand. The paper stresses the importance of examining social policies initiated by governments in influencing business progress. The fourth paper by Van Gelderen follows on from the previous paper by examining how migrants can facilitate business development. The paper highlights that, to a large extent, the country in which a migrant is from will largely determine the business activities that it partakes in. The fifth paper by Le Roy and Yami discusses through a case study perspective, how technology can influence innovations that occur in the small- and medium-sized enterprise context. The paper stresses that it is through competition in the existing environment that innovation occurs. The sixth paper by Tang and Tang discusses the role that the environment plays in helping new ventures succeed in the marketplace. The paper states that having highly munificent environments is a result of a large number of family businesses existing in the marketplace. The seventh paper by Martos further examines family businesses by discussing the differing definitions and conceptualisations of the term 'family'. The paper highlights that it is important for family businesses to have a participative approach to decision-making activities. The eighth paper by Boissin *et al.* discusses further the decision-making processes of family businesses through a study on a French company. The paper highlights that a family business operates to a large extent through trust and existing network contacts. Also, included in this issue is a

Book Review entitled *When Economies Change Hands – A Survey of Entrepreneurship in Post-communist Europe from the Balkans to the Baltic States*, which is reviewed by Helbock and Bergauer. The book review stresses that Europe includes a number of countries that have differing entrepreneurship rates, which are the results of a number of different factors, including government policies.