
Editorial

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There is an abundance of entrepreneurship in developing countries that takes a variety of different forms and shapes public policy discussions around the world (Ratten et al., 2007). This special journal issue focuses on entrepreneurship in developing regions including Africa, the Middle East, South America and the South Pacific. It comprises numerous countries with interesting histories shaped by the political and business climate. The articles in this special journal issue focus on entrepreneurship in developing countries and show how business is progressing in this region.

The first paper discusses cooperative entrepreneurship in Brazil and Peru. The authors examine the role of productive entrepreneurship and its role in sustainable activities. The paper has an interesting linkage to environmental entrepreneurship as it discusses the importance of conservation in developing countries. The second paper discusses whether South African townships lack an entrepreneurial spirit. The authors discuss whether culture affects business venture development. The role of pro-entrepreneurial values is discussed in the paper with a linkage to the start-up literature in the entrepreneurship field. The third paper examines the role of entrepreneurial orientation in agile manufacturing practices. The authors focus on Iran to investigate how agility relates to risk taking and proactive business behaviour. The fourth paper focuses on entrepreneurship amongst students in Nigeria. It highlights the role entrepreneurs have in developing countries by driving innovation and making structural changes in the economy. The fifth paper examines small and medium-sized enterprises in Ghana. The authors of this paper focus on the role of social networks including family and friends for sources of financial capital to start new ventures. The paper reveals the limited research on entrepreneurship in developing contexts that is shaped by government policy. The sixth paper discusses entrepreneurial intention in Kenya. Using a student sample the paper adopts the theory of planned behaviour to understand entrepreneurial intent. The seventh paper discusses innovation and entrepreneurial activities in Fiji. The paper discusses the comparative advantage some developing countries have in providing smaller niche market products and services. The eighth paper concludes the special issue by discussing future research directions of collaborative entrepreneurship in developing countries. The paper discusses the importance of more entrepreneurship research that examines the different environments that shape business activity in developed and developing countries.

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