Call for papers

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Special issue on
Entrepreneurial learning within the small business experience: a context for change
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Entrepreneurship activity has been described as the panacea for global economic recovery and a replacement for public sector employment. However, in recent years firm survival has taken precedence over business growth within the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector with limited investment in organizational learning opportunities. Consequently, the SME sector has had to exhibit great resolve and imagination to develop their employees and organizations to achieve any advantage or exploit development opportunities. This special issue aims to explore the experience of entrepreneurship learning in different contexts. Entrepreneurial learning can consider (but is not limited to) the following potential topics:

- Acquiring and managing funding for SME venture development
- Innovation practices in SME ventures
- Maintaining the entrepreneurial effort of the SME
- Networks and networking in SME development and growth
- Research methodologies in SME education and training research
- SME business practices in different sectors, services, technology and global markets
- SME development and government policy
- SME owner/managers as entrepreneurial team-builders
- SME training experience and best practice.
- The practice of marketing and sales within small firms.

This call welcomes papers which demonstrate the beneficial impact of entrepreneurship learning and identifies effective practice. Studies will be considered in a regional, national or international context and can include case histories of organization learning, qualitative/quantitative or mixed method studies of entrepreneurship learning. The call is also interested in papers that explore understanding of entrepreneurial learning in different entrepreneurial contexts (e.g. social, ethical, environmentally sustainable). The special issue would also welcome novel or nascent data analysis methods. In terms of impact, submitted papers should specify how entrepreneurial learning has assisted organizational development/growth in the context of the SME sector. Submissions should seek to establish a clear contribution to the current literature base.

Relevant literature


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The International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research (IJEBR) has a unique focus on publishing original research related to the human and social dynamics of entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurial management in small and growing organizations. The Journal has an international perspective on entrepreneurship and publishes conceptual papers and empirical studies which bring together issues of interest to academic researchers and educators, policy-makers and practitioners worldwide. The editorial team encourages high-quality submissions which advance the study of human and behavioural dimensions of entrepreneurship and smaller organizations in the context of entrepreneurial learning.

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