SIG 03 - ENT - Entrepreneurship

We invite you to submit your research to explore the theme of The Business of Now: the future starts here for the EURAM 20th Conference. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

T03_09 - Entrepreneurial Management

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Short description: The track welcomes research that contributes to a better understanding of behaviour and mechanisms constituting the formation and diffusion of entrepreneurial management, i.e. when management behaves entrepreneurially and acts upon opportunities. These practices refer to a range of means (management structure, knowledge management, HR system) that help a firm to remain competitive and contribute to organizational goals (growth, innovation) and societal value creation (well-being, decent work). The track provides an opportunity to take stock on these developments and to address entrepreneurial management in combination with related fields (dynamic capabilities, internationalization). A critical issue is a better understanding of contextual factors.

Long description: To create growth and increase the effectiveness of new business venturing as well as small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) entrepreneurial management practices play a pivotal role in exploiting entrepreneurial knowledge and utilizing it towards opportunity exploitation (Goel & Jones, 2016), innovation (Hisrich & Ramadani, 2017) and talent development (Pinheiro & Stensaker, 2014). In line with this, the track addresses entrepreneurial management practices from interdisciplinary and multi-level angles as an important variable in the interplay between individual, organizational and institutional contexts. We invite empirical and conceptual research that contributes to a better understanding of behaviour and mechanisms constituting the formation and diffusion of entrepreneurial management practices. These managerial practices include a wide range of means (e.g. management structure, decision processes learning, knowledge management, human resource system) that help a firm to remain competitive and contribute to organizational and societal value creation.

According to Gupta et al. (2004), entrepreneurs need to fill entrepreneurial and leadership roles and guide the organization through change by implementing certain bundles of practices to build strong dynamic capabilities to sense and seize innovation opportunities, (introducing new products, processes or practices), to successful venture (entering new businesses) or to renew strategically (improving internal coordination; Teece, 2016). Previous research was mainly concerned with the different life cycles of new ventures and problems related to maturity (Gray & Ariss, 1985) and certain
types of entrepreneurial leadership (Kim et al., 2017). Thus, a better understanding of the dynamics of entrepreneurial and managerial behaviour of entrepreneurs is crucial.

The track provides an opportunity to take stock on these developments and to present research that addresses entrepreneurial management practices in combination with related fields (e.g. dynamic capabilities, internationalization). A critical issue is a better understanding of contextual factors. Mostly “Western” theories have been applied and these theories may – to a certain degree – explain individual and organizational behaviour on a global level. However, institutional arrangements need to be considered as a driving force to explain the higher level of entrepreneurial activity in emerging economies compared to advanced markets, and, thus, the variation of entrepreneurial management practices.

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