

Special Issue of *European Journal of International Management*, on Entrepreneurship from Nordic and Comparative Perspectives

This is an invitation, a Call for Papers for the European Journal of International Management for a Special Issue focusing on Entrepreneurship from Nordic and Comparative Perspectives. Submissions are invited from the participants in the Nordic Conference on Small Business Research in 2020, as well as from other authors in the Nordic region and in other regions around the world. The Special Issue is being guest-edited by Thomas Schøtt, Kent Wickstrøm Aadsbøll and Ye Liu.

Entrepreneurial endeavors in the Nordic region exhibit some features, that seem unique compared to entrepreneurship in other places around the world, and which are puzzling. Notably, the Nordic societies have a strong public sector that aims at supporting entrepreneurship by creating a fruitful eco-system, especially by creating and elaborating favorable framework conditions. Nordic entrepreneurial eco-systems appear to be emulated around the world, although that population rate of entrepreneurs starting new businesses is low in the Nordic region. In particular, despite the prevailing gender egalitarianism, the female participation is far less than male participation in entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurial talent in the Nordic region may be putting their talents to work as employees in existing firms. Indeed, the rate of intrapreneurship among employees is very high in the Nordic region, higher than in other regions around the world. The Nordic region is wealthy, and people are happy, but are people pursuing entrepreneurship for pecuniary gain or for emancipation and self-realization, and are entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs especially happy?

Understanding of the Nordic region can be enhanced by comparisons to other regions around the world. Moreover, the Nordic region is not homogenous, in that the Nordic countries differ in their entrepreneurial pursuits; therefore, understanding of the Nordic region can also be enhanced by comparisons among Nordic countries.

These considerations motivate devoting a special issue of the European Journal of International Management to studies of entrepreneurship from Nordic and comparative perspectives.

Papers are welcome which focus in-depth on a single Nordic country, which compare Nordic countries to one another, or which compare the Nordic region to other regions.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following issues.

- Institutional framework conditions in local and national eco-systems for entrepreneurship.
- Entrepreneurial capital in the population and among entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs.
- Involvement of population segments, e.g. STEM-educated, immigrants, women, seniors.
- Gendering of careers in entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship.
- Family involvement in ownership, management, and staffing in entrepreneurial endeavors.
- Opportunity-pull and necessity-push as motives for starting.
- Opportunities for pecuniary benefits and for emancipation through entrepreneurship
- Innovation in entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship.
- Expectation for growth of entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial endeavors.

Submissions will go through the usual double-blind reviews in accordance with the standards of the EJIM. Authors will be required to review, double-blind, one other online submission.

Submissions will be reviewed and selected on a rolling basis, with the following deadlines.

1 March 2020 Submission of abstract, max 900 words, by email to tsc@sam.sdu.dk

March 2020 Abstracts are reviewed, and authors invited to submit a full manuscript.

1 June 2020 Submission online of a full blinded manuscript, 5000-7000 words.

July 2020 Manuscripts are peer-reviewed, and authors invited to submit revision.

1 Nov 2020 Submission online of blinded revision, 5000-8000 words.

Dec 2020 Revisions are peer-reviewed, and authors invited to submit final version.

1 Feb 2021 Submission online of final version.

March 2021 Acceptance of final version for publication in the journal.

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