Track: Entrepreneurial Wellbeing

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Description of the track

Running a business is often seen as a solution to a number of social and environmental problems. Accordingly, the wellbeing of individuals has been getting more attention these days as wellbeing is regarded as having a correlation with social progress (Andersson, 2008; Straum & Vittersø, 2015). Along these lines, the interest of entrepreneurship research on an individual’s entrepreneurial wellbeing – defined as “the experience of satisfaction, positive affect, infrequent negative affect, and psychological functioning in relation to developing, starting, growing, and running an entrepreneurial venture” (Wiklund et al., 2019) – has increased significantly in recent years. However, although there are already several studies present that investigate the relationship between entrepreneurship and wellbeing, there is still a lack of research on the antecedents and outcomes of entrepreneurial wellbeing. For example, we still do not know very much about if, how and how strong entrepreneurship results in higher individual wellbeing compared to other occupations. Moreover, research of entrepreneurial wellbeing to date is also missing a deeper understanding of if, how and when specific contextual factors affect the entrepreneurs’ well-being. Also, most studies that investigate the effect of entrepreneurship on wellbeing still use cross-sectional data. However, we believe that future research should rather focus on longer time periods to have complementary insights how entrepreneurship affects wellbeing over time (Stephan, 2018). Thus, in sum, although the interest in entrepreneurship research on the antecedents and outcomes of entrepreneurial well-being has grown significantly in recent years, the understanding of specific (contextual) driving forces of entrepreneurs’ well-being and its outcomes is still in its beginnings.
Key topics and research questions of the track:

- Effects of entrepreneurship on the mental health and wellbeing of individuals regarding longer time periods.

- The impact of contextual factors of entrepreneurship and how these relate to entrepreneurial wellbeing (e.g., life-partner or country contexts)

- How is the family life of the entrepreneur affected by entrepreneurship when regarding the household as a site of entrepreneurial activity (Work family conflict, Work family interference)?

- Effects of entrepreneurship on the stress-level and mental illness of the self-employed.

We encourage contributions that address more than the given topics or research questions creating new insights about the (contextual) antecedents and outcomes of entrepreneurial wellbeing. Especially in view of the prevailing gaps in research about entrepreneurial wellbeing, longitudinal studies are desirable. Note, the track is also open to research addressing other - but related - topics. We also welcome contributions from different scientific backgrounds: economics, psychology, sociology, etc.

References


The deadline for submissions is June 1st, 2020. All submissions must use the submission template and use the submission procedure on the webpage otherwise they will not be considered for review. Download the submission template here. Submit your paper here.

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