

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Special Section in the International Journal of Psychology****The Development of Entrepreneurship: Person x Context Interactions**

Entrepreneurship is widely considered a central 21<sup>st</sup> century skill. Hence, policy makers emphasize the importance of entrepreneurship education to effectively promote entrepreneurial thinking and acting. However, research evaluating the effectiveness of existing entrepreneurship promotion, advice, and education programs targeting the adult population (e.g., university students) indicates that these programs are often not very effective. In this Special Section we therefore seek to tackle the fundamental questions of how does an entrepreneurial mindset actually develop and what is the role of psychological factors in this development. While many entrepreneurship researchers agree that psychological factors (e.g., personality, identity, cognitions, emotion and passion, control beliefs, risk-taking) play a key role for entrepreneurial activity over the lifespan, the questions of how these factors develop and affect, and get affected by, entrepreneurial outcomes (e.g., entrepreneurial intentions, activities, and success and failure) are still on table.

Existing research on the vocational development of entrepreneurs mainly studied different developmental levels (ranging from biological, psychosocial, human agency, to various context-levels) separately (e.g., by focusing on genes; personality factors, or context factors alone). However, modern meta-theoretical frameworks like the biopsychosocial systems view of human development stress that it is particularly the interplay of, and transactions between, these different levels that produce developmental outcomes. The aim of this Special Section is therefore to connect otherwise loose ends in the entrepreneurship literature by integrating research on biological, psychosocial, contextual, and developmental aspects. We seek to publish papers that advance our knowledge on the biopsychosocial interplay through which psychological factors relevant for entrepreneurship evolve, develop, affect, and are affected by entrepreneurial outcomes. We want to learn more about the processes taking place *between* the different levels of entrepreneurial development. Examples are studies on GeneXEnvironment interactions, TraitsX-Context interactions, PersonXCulture interactions in the career development of entrepreneurs. We particularly invite empirical research papers that address the following issues:

- A focus on two or more developmental levels (biological, psychosocial and agency, and contexts levels) in the prediction of entrepreneurial outcomes (e.g., intentions, behavior, and success), preferably by using longitudinal designs and/or multi-level designs
- A focus on interactions of predictors of entrepreneurial outcomes either *within* a developmental stage (e.g., adolescence, early adulthood, middle, or late adulthood) or *across* developmental stages.
- A focus on an reciprocal interplay of the different developmental levels over time (e.g., How do the different levels affect each other over time? How does this leads to an entrepreneurial mindset?)
- An international focus considering cross-cultural issues/perspectives from the Non-Western world

Researchers interested in submitting an article should send a letter of intent no later than 15 February 2016 to martin.obschonka@uni-saarland.de and per.davidsson@qut.edu.au. The letter should include the tentative title and an abstract of 750 words maximum (incl. theoretical statement, sample description, preliminary results, and potential implications). Potential contributors will be selected based on originality of research, overall diversity of topics, and fit with the theme of the Special Section. Successful authors will be invited to submit first drafts of manuscripts by 15 September 2016. All manuscripts will be subject to an external review process.

For further questions, please contact Martin Obschonka at martin.obschonka@uni-saarland.de or Per Davidsson at per.davidsson@qut.edu.au. For further information concerning the International Journal of Psychology (which is published by Wiley and celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the official journal of the International Union of Psychological Science), please visit the journal's website at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291464-066X> or contact the Editor-in-Chief, Rainer K. Silbereisen at rainer.silbereisen@uni-jena.de.

We are looking forward to reading your work!

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