Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Growth of Women’s Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Analysis

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Call for Chapters

Chapter contributions are now invited from leading international scholars and experienced researchers in the field of women’s entrepreneurship for an exciting new book Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Growth of Women’s Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Analysis, to be published by Edward Elgar Publishing Inc. in 2017.

The Diana International Project1 is committed to advancing knowledge about the status of women’s entrepreneurship around the world. This book is the eighth volume in the series associated with the Project and will build on the success of the first volume - Brush, C., Carter, N.M., Gatewood, E.J., Greene, P.G. and Hart, M. (eds.) (2006) Growth-oriented Women Entrepreneurs and their Businesses: A Global Research Perspective. This new volume will further consider the various national and international, social and contextual influences on women’s entrepreneurship by examining ecosystems, and how these affect and influence growth strategies and business potential.

The objective of this book is to foster a provocative discussion about topics on women’s entrepreneurship and growth considering ecosystem frameworks. While it is anticipated that many of the contributors will already be part of the Diana International Project, we are aiming for an inclusive discussion on women’s entrepreneurship. Thus, chapters are particularly sought from researchers in geographic regions less represented in the Project, specifically Africa, Asia and South America.

Chapter submissions should be based on rigorous empirical or theoretical research, and should discuss and analyse one of the following:

- key cultural, historical, social, political and economic (contextual) influencing factors on the ecosystems and how these influence growth and development of women’s entrepreneurship in a particular country (or group of countries)

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1 The Diana Project was launched in 1999 by Professors Brush, Carter, Gatewood, Greene and Hart, to study the phenomenon of women’s entrepreneurship in the United States. The Diana Project team, in partnership with ESBRI (Entrepreneurship and Small Business Research Institute, Sweden), inaugurated the Diana International Project (DIP) in 2003. DIP currently involves researchers from 16 countries worldwide and aims to provide a platform from which to develop, conduct and share a global research agenda dedicated to answering questions about women entrepreneurs and growth oriented businesses.
strategies which were successfully adopted by nascent or established women entrepreneurs (or which could logically be adopted by them) to enhance the growth potential of their business within their ecosystems.

- comparisons of country, regional or area ecosystems and their influence on growth strategies for women entrepreneurs
- deep analysis of a single ecosystem considering its gendered aspects and how these influence growth strategies for women’s entrepreneurship

The overall aim of the book is to highlight key growth influences on women’s entrepreneurship, and to offer valuable insights into the mechanics of women’s entrepreneurship globally.

It is intended that draft chapter submissions will be presented and discussed at the forthcoming Diana International Research Symposium to be held at Babson College in June, 2015. Thus, the tentative timetable for the compilation and completion of the book is as follows:

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If you are interested in submitting a chapter, please express your interest, in the first instance, by putting together a chapter abstract, as per the guidelines below, and forwarding it to GA_EElgarBook@bentley.edu, by August 1, 2015.

For an informal discussion on your submission, please contact any of the editors.

Submission Guidelines:

1. A cover letter with all author affiliations and the paper title
2. 3 page (double-spaced) abstract
   a. Include title- but NO AUTHOR information
   b. Research question/purpose of the chapter
   c. Theoretical foundation
   d. Data source(s) and methodology
   e. Implications/contributions
3. Please submit your proposals to: GA_EElgarBook@bentley.edu