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Research Focus: entrepreneurial ecosystems, governance.

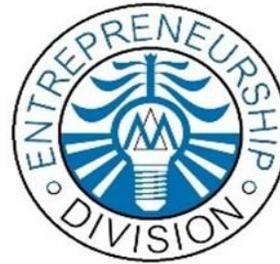


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Research Focus: Entrepreneurial ecosystem elements, new venture growth, societal attitudes.



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Research Focus: entrepreneurial ecosystems as practice.



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Research Focus: Social entrepreneurship, refugee entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurship and autism.



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Research Focus: Education, heuristics, family business, intentions.



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Research Focus: Social Impact, Social Change, Impact Investing, Sustainability.



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Research Focus: Innovation ecosystems, Emerging markets, China, Digital economies.



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Research Focus: Organization Theory, Network Analysis, Processing, Modeling.



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Research Focus: Fundraising, Ethics, Research methods, Digital economies.

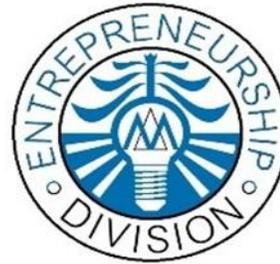


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Research Focus: Innovation management, Digitalizing, Platforms, Crowdsourcing.



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Research Focus: Institutional lenses, innovation, economic growth, complex systems.



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Research Focus: Knowledge management, Technology strategy, Platforms, Institutions.



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Research Focus: Entrepreneurial ecosystems, configuration, regional innovation systems.

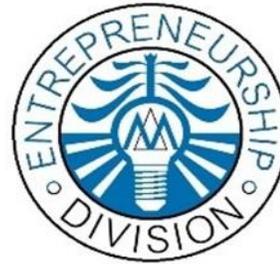


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Research Focus: Student Entrepreneurship, international business, networks.



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Research Focus: National and regional system of innovation, spillover of knowledge and creativity.

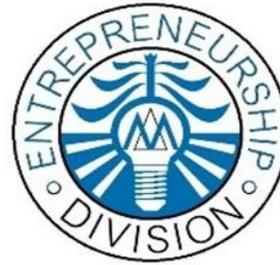


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Research Focus: Fablabs, corporate entrepreneurship, ambidexterity, Renault, governance.



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