

Is international entrepreneurship a field? A bibliometric analysis of the literature (1989–2015)

L'entrepreneuriat international est-il un champ? Une analyse bibliométrique de la littérature (1989–2015)

¿Es el emprendimiento internacional un campo? Un análisis bibliométrico de la literatura (1989–2015)

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Abstract The abundant academic literature on international entrepreneurship has attracted the attention of many researchers in various fields (international business, entrepreneurship, management, marketing, to mention a few). A debate has been opened on whether international entrepreneurship is indeed a field. In this article, we seek to contribute to this debate. We applied a bibliometric analysis to 567 articles on international entrepreneurship published during the 1989–February 2015 period. The main indices that this is an emerging field are as follows: a concentration of publications on central contributors and universities, key dates of social events, the creation of a journal dedicated to the topic and a strong identity of keywords. A co-citation analysis shows that the international entrepreneurship field is structured on a stable body of references, organised into five key clusters, distinct from its mother disciplines: international business and entrepreneurship. Our work helps to identify the paradigmatic approaches that structure international entrepreneurship.

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Résumé L'abondante littérature académique en entrepreneuriat international a suscité l'intérêt de nombreux chercheurs de différents champs (management international, entrepreneuriat, management, marketing, entre autres). Il existe un débat autour de l'existence du champ de l'entrepreneuriat international. Dans cet article, nous cherchons à contribuer à ce débat. Nous avons appliqué une analyse bibliométrique à 567 articles portant sur l'entrepreneuriat international publiés entre 1989 et février 2015. Les principaux indices montrant qu'il s'agit bien d'un champ sont les suivants: une concentration des publications autour de contributeurs et universités centraux, des dates clés d'événements sociaux, la création de revues dédiées au thème et une forte identité des mots-clés. Une analyse de co-citations montre que le champ de l'entrepreneuriat international est structuré avec un corpus de références stable organisé autour de 5 clusters principaux, distincts de leurs disciplines mères : le management international et l'entrepreneuriat. Notre travail aide à identifier les approches paradigmatiques qui structurent l'entrepreneuriat international.

Resumen La abundante literatura académica en emprendimiento internacional llamó la atención de numerosos investigadores de diversos campos (negocios internacionales, emprendimiento, gestión, mercadeo, entre otros). Un debate existe acerca de si el emprendimiento internacional es un campo o no. Con este artículo, buscamos contribuir a este debate. Hemos realizado un análisis bibliométrico a 567 artículos sobre emprendimiento internacional publicados entre 1989 y febrero de 2015. Los principales indicios de que se trata de un campo son: una concentración en publicaciones alrededor de contribuidores y universidades centrales, fechas claves de eventos sociales, la creación de revistas dedicadas al tema y una fuerte identidad alrededor de palabras claves. Un análisis de co-citaciones muestra que el campo del emprendimiento internacional está estructurado con un corpus de referencias estables organizado alrededor de 5 clústers principales, distintos de sus disciplinas madres: negocios internacionales y emprendimiento. Nuestro trabajo ayuda a identificar las aproximaicones paradigmáticas que estructuran el emprendimiento internacional.

Keywords International entrepreneurship · Bibliometrics · Co-citation analysis

Mots clés Entrepreneuriat international · Bibliométrie · Analyse de co-citations

Palabras clave Emprendimiento internacional · Bibliometría · Analysis de co-citaciones

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Summary highlights

Contributions: This study complements previous works by contributing to the literature on international entrepreneurship (IE). Its main contribution is to define IE as an emerging field through a bibliometric analysis.

Research questions/purpose: The central research question is the following: Is IE a field? This question is divided into sub-questions: What are the main characteristics of



the research produced (contributors, keywords and concepts, places of production, journals) and what are the main references and clusters of references used by scholars to undertake research in IE?

Results/findings: We build an exhaustive database of IE papers published in international journals from 1989 to February 2015. We gathered 567 articles, written by 705 different contributors, published in 112 journals, mobilising 15,742 different references. Using co-citation analysis on main cited references, we investigate the intellectual core of the field, which is organised into five clusters. These analyses allow us to present IE research as an emerging field.

Theoretical implications and recommendations: The results of this study contribute new empirical evidence on the construction of the field of IE. They also provide better understanding of the intellectual structure of IE and can help scholars in their collective and individual positions and purposes.

Practical implications and recommendations: The main recommendation for active members of the field is to continue gathering new empirical statements, investigating new topics, but also to continue to propose places and editorial supports to exchange ideas and debates.

Introduction

International entrepreneurship has become a topic of substantial interest, especially since the publication of the first empirical study by McDougall (1989) in which she compared international and domestic new ventures. Soon after, this research stream has begun to develop around the definition of two kinds of firms: 'international new ventures' and 'born global firms'. Oviatt and McDougall (1994, p. 49) defined international new ventures as "business organisations that, from inception, seek to derive significant competitive advantage from the use of resources and the sale of outputs in multiple countries", whereas Knight and Cavusgil (2004) defined born global firms as "entrepreneurial start-ups that, from or near their founding, seek to derive a substantial proportion of their revenue from the sale of products in international markets". These firms revealed the phenomenon of early and rapid internationalisation and their study spawned two interconnected research streams—entrepreneurship and international business—(as pointed by Dana et al. 1999a) into a new one: international entrepreneurship. A unique trait of international entrepreneurship is its situated position, at the intersection of these two distinct fields of research (Dana et al. 1999b; McDougall and Oviatt 2000). For Etemad and Wright (2003), there are no conceptual barriers to the fusion of international business and entrepreneurship.

Oviatt and McDougall (2005, p. 538) define international entrepreneurship as "the discovery, enactment, evaluation and exploitation of opportunities—across national borders—to create future goods and services". This definition expands researchers' interests, from the specific study of international new ventures (Oviatt and McDougall 1994) or born global firms (Andersson and Wictor 2003; Knight and Cavusgil 2004) to consider various types of firms that exhibit entrepreneurial behaviour abroad, regardless of the type of international activities they embrace (e.g. sourcing, sales, partnerships)



and of the type of contexts in which they operate. These studies integrate knowledge-intensive firms, family businesses or large companies.

Growing interest in international entrepreneurship by researchers from around the world, representing different disciplines (e.g. marketing, strategic management, entrepreneurship, international business), has also sparked a debate about whether it constitutes an emerging field of research or simply a subfield of entrepreneurship or international business. According to Keupp and Gassmann (2009), international entrepreneurship is fragmented, lacking a unifying paradigm. Its development is limited by its phenomenological basis (i.e. the study of international new ventures or of born global firms). Thus, they argue that international entrepreneurship is not at the intersection of entrepreneurship and international business, because the main concepts in empirical studies instead tend to reflect an international business perspective. Whereas Coombs et al. (2009) assert that international entrepreneurship is characterised by theoretical and methodological weaknesses, Jones et al. (2011) regard it as a new, emerging research field that is mobilising a global community of researchers. Coviello et al. (2015) consider that international entrepreneurship seems to have differentiated itself and that much progress has been made to establish international entrepreneurship as a credible and identifiable field of research. Nevertheless, Coviello et al. (2015) point out that international entrepreneurship needs to improve its social mobilisation with a formal structure and its legitimacy with a more rigorous approach to methods.

Hambrick and Chen (2008, p. 35) model the ascendance of a new academic field as "a successful admittance-seeking social movement, consisting of three major elements: differentiation, mobilisation, and legitimacy building". In their view, the contours and evolution of an academic field mainly depend on social and political forces. A new emerging field needs to differentiate itself from other existing fields, to mobilise resources and to build legitimacy by the action of the aspiring community through intellectual persuasion. However, the sociological approach of the study of a field (Bourdieu 1988) does not fully consider the knowledge, concepts and their connections that participate in its emergence. In our view, the emergence of a field is not only based on social or political factors, but also on the creation of new knowledge and its diffusion within and outside a research community.

One way to analyse the creation of knowledge and its diffusion in an emerging field is to use references co-citation analysis. References co-citation analysis is a useful tool when it comes to exploring the knowledge structure of a research domain (Callon et al. 1986; McCain 1990). This analytical technique also serves to discover knowledge diffusion and influence among a research community. It sheds light on the networks of references, on the social construction of a field and on its intellectual advances. It also complements the sociological approach of Hambrick and Chen (2008) by testing their proposition about the importance of a socially interconnected core and complementary variety for the emergence of a field. Yet, co-citation analysis does not directly provide insights on future trends.

This paper contributes to the debate on whether or not international entrepreneurship is a field. We investigate whether international entrepreneurship has the characteristics of a field through a bibliometric analysis of the literature from 1989 to February 2015. Our methodology is therefore complementary to the sociological approach of Coviello et al. (2015) who used the Hambrick and Chen (2008) model to assess whether international entrepreneurship research is a viable spin-off from entrepreneurship and



international business. Our work is therefore complementary to previous literature reviews on the subject (e.g. Etemad and Lee 2003; Coombs et al. 2009; Keupp and Gassmann 2009; Jones et al. 2011; Peiris et al. 2012; Kiss et al. 2012; Terjesen et al. 2013; Rialp et al. 2014; Coviello et al. 2015).

To this end, we first identify the main characteristics of the field (key events, authors, references, keywords). Second, we investigate the structure of the field by analysing the references and identifying clusters of references. Thanks to the co-citations analysis, we will determine whether a socially interconnected core and a complementary variety exist in the international entrepreneurship literature and whether these contribute to the recognition of international entrepreneurship as a field.

Methodology and data

We present the method we used to identify international entrepreneurship articles, as well as our data coding approach.

Origin of the data

We analyse international entrepreneurship literature, with a focus on research articles that address 'entrepreneurial internationalisation', as identified by Jones et al. (2011). In their analysis of international entrepreneurship literature, they reveal three main themes that structure articles in international entrepreneurship: (A) entrepreneurial internationalisation, (B) international comparisons of entrepreneurship and (C) comparative entrepreneurial internationalisation. Each theme also comprises several distinct sub-themes. However, the different definitions of international entrepreneurship do not incorporate, in the core of their definitions, international comparisons of entrepreneurial activity in a domestic setting (cf. Oviatt and McDougall 2005; Styles and Seymour 2006; Coombs et al. 2009). Of the three themes identified by Jones et al. (2011), only research of types A and C correspond to the definitions of international entrepreneurship (cf. Oviatt and McDougall 2005; Styles and Seymour 2006; Coombs et al. 2009) and mobilise concepts or theories from both international business and entrepreneurship, such that they integrate literature from both fields to study international entrepreneurship objects. Research in theme B, instead, tends to use a variety of concepts and references that depend on the object of study (e.g. gender, entrepreneurship, ethics, cognition). Therefore, to ensure the coherence of the references in our literature review, we investigate international entrepreneurship literature that reflects themes A and C, as defined by Jones et al. (2011). The selected articles refer to 'entrepreneurial internationalisation', either in a domestic setting or an international setting (i.e. comparisons between countries or cultures), and they are similar in that they use concepts and theories from international business and entrepreneurship, producing some homogeneity in their citations. Initially, our database began with the 323 articles that Jones et al. (2011) identified for the 1989-2009 period; we then completed this database for 2010-February 2015 (JIBS 2015, Vol. 46(1)-dedicated to the Decade Award granted to Knight and Cavusgil 2004—marked the end of the article selection process). The selection and exclusion criteria (see Table 1) came from Jones et al. (2011).



Table 1 Database inclusion criteria: entrepreneurial internationalisation (Jones et al. 2011)

Keywords	International entrepreneurship; entrepreneur and international; entrepreneurship and national; internationalisation; international business; international new ventures/INV; born global; McDougall; Oviatt
Databases	EBSCOhost, Emerald, Inderscience, Ingenta Connect, ProQuest, SAGE Journals, ScienceDirect, SpringerLink, Taylor & Francis, Wiley
Top journals	Entrepreneurship: Journal of Business Venturing, Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice International business: Journal of International Business Studies, Journal of World Business, Management International Review, International Business Review International marketing: International Marketing Review, Journal of International Marketing Management: Academy of Management Journal, Academy of Management Review International entrepreneurship: Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Inclusion criteria	Type A articles: entrepreneurial internationalisation Type C articles: comparative entrepreneurial internationalisation Type D articles: literature review and commentaries on types A–C articles Peer-reviewed journal articles only Directly and explicitly integrate theory and concepts from both international business and entrepreneurship
Exclusion criteria	Type B articles: international comparisons of entrepreneurial behaviour Studies focused on SMEs rather than International Entrepreneurship per se, such as when entrepreneurship issues and theories are not integrated or addressed in the study Studies in which the primary focus is not international entrepreneurship (e.g. studies of biotech firms in global industries or that focus on technological innovation rather than business or entrepreneurial processes) Studies focused on domestic entrepreneurial processes) Studies focused on domestic entrepreneurial Orientation measures that focus on scale and measure development or validation Studies on transnational and/or immigrant entrepreneurship Research published in edited books and conference proceedings Editorials, International Entrepreneurship reviews, and commentaries (of the International Entrepreneurship field or parts thereof, methods, parent fields or related fields) Articles discussing International Entrepreneurship education or research techniques for International Entrepreneurship Case studies (e.g. for teaching purposes) Articles unavailable electronically or by other reasonable means

We conducted a keyword search of the main databases in management science, though we also performed manual searches of articles in the most relevant academic journals for international entrepreneurship (e.g. specialised entrepreneurship journals, international marketing, international business, management), to ensure their inclusion.

The updated database started with 698 articles, which we purified by reviewing the title and abstract of each article, applying the inclusion and exclusion criteria. We chose to focus our analyses on articles pertaining to 'entrepreneurial internationalisation' (themes A and C), and we included a new theme D, which defines conceptual articles or reviews of 'entrepreneurial internationalisation' literature. The final international entrepreneurship database contains 567 articles (see Appendix).



Data coding

The data coding was undertaken at two levels: production (authors doing the citing) and reference (authors cited). The former identifies the data on which the field builds, so we account for the authors of the analysed articles (i.e. names, institutions and countries). We thereby achieved a ranking of the most active authors, most active universities and most active countries of origin. We also noted the journals in which they published.

Given that they contain useful information about the contents, we used the keywords to characterise each article. An analysis of the keywords allowed us to classify and group the scientific output into generic topics. Of the 567 articles, only 439 provided keywords; we added them for the other 128 articles, according to their titles, abstracts and contents. To undertake this task, we relied on the keywords already used in the 439 articles, adding new ones only if there were no similar keywords already on our list. We identified an average of 4.59 keywords per article.

Identifying key dates for the construction of the field is complementary to any analysis of the evolution of scientific production. Table 2 presents the number of articles published during the 1989–February 2015 period.

Main characteristics of international entrepreneurship

This section provides an overview of the scientific production pertaining to international entrepreneurship (journals, types of publications, authors), the main references and the main keywords used.

Scientific production related to entrepreneurial internationalisation

Investigating the scientific production of a field is useful for understanding the structure of the literature. It underpins an overview of the references and respective main contributors included in the bibliometric analysis. We then look for indicators of the institutionalisation of international entrepreneurship.

Table 2 Synthesis of coded data

Periods	Total
Number of articles	567
Number of journals	112
Number of collaborations	1309
Number of contributors	705
Number of references cited	42,522
Size of the body of references	15,742

Notes: Given that some articles were written jointly by several authors, there are more authors than articles. Only 563 articles include bibliographic references



An overview of the references and respective main contributors included in the study

Publications by general themes The most widely studied theme in international entrepreneurship is type A—entrepreneurial internationalisation (485 empirical papers), and, particularly, international new ventures (Jones et al. 2011). Cross-national comparisons (type C) support the generalisation of knowledge about entrepreneurial internationalisation (41 papers with empirical data). Such studies are generally more recent and still insufficient. We also find 41 non-empirical articles that seek to conceptualise or define international entrepreneurship (type D).

Main journals The 567 articles on entrepreneurial internationalisation have appeared in 112 journals (see Table 3). Eight Q1 Scopus journals from the fields of entrepreneurship, international business and marketing account for 50 % of the publications in this stream: Journal of International Entrepreneurship, International Business Review, Journal of International Business Studies, Journal of Business Venturing, Journal of World Business, Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Journal of International Marketing and International Marketing Review.

According to Coombs et al. (2009), international entrepreneurship, as a theme of research, is mainly published in entrepreneurship journals. A significant percentage of articles also appear in international business journals (such as the *Journal of International Business Studies* and *International Business Review*), as well as in international marketing and management journals. We observe the important role of the *Journal of International Entrepreneurship*, which published 15 % of the articles in our database. In terms of published research, international entrepreneurship appears at the intersection of entrepreneurship and international business research, as indicated by McDougall and Oviatt (2000). The fact that international entrepreneurship lies at the junction between the two fields characterises its distinctiveness.

Origin of publications More than half of the contributions come from Europe (54 %, mainly northern Europe) and 31 % from North America (see Table 4). Production rates are low from Africa, but Asian research is booming. Even though it is European and North American research that is predominant, international entrepreneurship publications have global presence.

Production appears to be concentrated in only a few countries. The USA, UK and Finland alone account for half of the contributions. Adding Spain, Sweden, Australia and Canada accounts for more than two thirds of contributions (see Table 5). Despite this concentration, which is due to the historical construction of international entrepreneurship, it is evident that there is increasing variety in the origin of the contributions.

The literature on international entrepreneurship is produced by a great variety of universities (370 in total), as detailed in Table 6. The most prolific university is Lappearranta University of Technology in Finland, where a large community of researchers works in this field (17 contributors).

Most productive authors The database indicates the participation of a great number of authors (705 in total with 1309 contributions) in the production of 567 articles, for an



Table 3 Journals publishing articles on entrepreneurial internationalisation

Main domain	Journal ^a	ISI	Scopus	CNRS	FT	Total
Entrepreneurship 196 references; 34.6 %	Journal of International Entrepreneurship	_	Q1	3	-	87
	Journal of Business Venturing	3.265	Q1	1	FT	28
	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice	2.598	Q1	1	FT	26
	International Small Business Journal	1.397	Q1	2	_	18
	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development	1.000	Q1	3	_	6
	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development	-	Q2	4	-	12
	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal	-	-	4	-	9
	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal	1.744	Q1	2	_	6
	International Journal of Entrepreneurship Behavior and Research	-	-	-	-	4
	Journal of Enterprising Culture	_	_	4	_	4
International Business	International Business Review	1.489	Q1	3	_	46
145 references, 25.6 %	Journal of International Business Studies	3.954	Q1	1	FT	30
	Journal of World Business	1.907	Q1	2	_	28
	Management International Review	0.929	Q1	3	_	18
	Thunderbird International Business Review	_	Q2	4	_	5
	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business	-	Q3	-	-	5
	Multinational Business Review	_	Q4	-	_	5
	Journal of International Management	1.096	Q1	3	_	4
	International Journal of Business Studies	_	-	-	_	4
Marketing	International Marketing Review	_	Q1	3	_	20
65 references, 11.5 %	Journal of International Marketing	_	Q1	3	_	19
	Journal of Euro-Marketing	_	-	-	_	8
	Journal of Business Research	1.306	Q1	2	_	7
	European Journal of Marketing	1.000	Q1	3	_	6
	Industrial Marketing Management	1.897	Q1	2	_	5
Management	European Management Journal	0.817	Q2	3	_	12
65 references, 11.5 %	European Business Review	_	Q2	3	_	12
	Small Business Economics	1.641	Q1	2	_	10
	Journal of Small Business Management	1.361	Q1	2	_	9
	Academy of Management Journal	4.974	Q1	1	FT	6
	Strategic Management Journal	2.993	Q1	1	FT	4
	Asia-Pacific Journal of Management	2.742		4	_	4
	Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences	_	Q2	3	_	4
Less than 4 articles	3 journals		-			3
96 references, 16.8 $\%$	11 journals					2
	65 journals					1

^a Classifications: ISI impact-factor; Scopus journal quartiles; CNRS—journals French ranking (from 1* to 4) in Economics and Management Section 37 (November, 2014); Financial Times 45



Table 4 Geographic origin of contributions

Continent	Number of contributions	Percent
Europe	712	54.4
North America	403	30.8
Oceania	97	7.4
Asia	81	6.2
Africa	5	0.4
N/A	11	0.8
Total	1308	

average of 2.3 authors per article. Most of the articles (80.1 %) are collaborations between at least two authors (see Table 7). Of the 705 authors, 30.8 % has published at least two articles.

Table 8 lists those authors who have produced at least seven articles. McDougall is the most productive. Her work with Oviatt has been recognised by the *Journal of International Business Studies* as the best of the decade (Oviatt and McDougall 1994). Several other authors, mostly from North America and Northern Europe (e.g. Andersson, Saarenketo, Zahra, Oviatt, Gabrielsson, Dimitratos, Cavusgil, Jones, Bell, Coviello), have also contributed significantly to the construction of the field, notably during its infancy. The ten most productive account for only 20.1 % of the overall

Table 5 Origin of the contributions by country

47 countries	Total contributions	Percent	Cumulative %
USA	326	25.1	25.1
UK	179	13.8	38.9
Finland	144	11.1	50.0
Spain	67	5.2	55.2
Sweden	67	5.2	60.3
Australia	66	5.1	65.4
Canada	62	4.8	70.2
Italy	41	3.2	73.3
Denmark	36	2.8	76.1
China	33	2.5	78.7
Germany	32	2.5	81.1
New Zealand	31	2.4	83.5
Norway	25	1.9	85.4
Ireland	19	1.5	86.9
Netherlands	17	1.3	88.2
France	15	1.2	89.4
Israel	13	1.0	90.4
Switzerland	13	1.0	91.4
Belgium	12	0.9	92.3
Greece	12	0.9	93.2
30 countries	Less than 10	6.8	100.0



Table 6 Most productive universities

University	Number of signature	Country	Authors affiliated
Lappeenranta University of Technology	54	Finland	17 authors, including Saarenketo (15) and Puumalainen (9)
Georgia State University	31	USA	9 authors including Oviatt (13), Cavusgil (5), Zahra (4)
University of Texas	26	USA	18 authors, including Khavul (7)
Indiana University	25	USA	7 authors, including McDougall (15)
University of Strathclyde	23	UK	11 authors, including Young (5), Ibeh (4) and Dimitratos (4)
University of Ulster	23	UK	7 authors including Bell (9) and Loane (8)
University of Southern Denmark	23	Denmark	10 authors, including Servais (7) and Madsen (5)
Stockholm School of Economics	23	Sweden	13 authors, including Tolstoy (5)
Helsinki School of Economics	21	Finland	11 authors, including M. Gabrielsson (9)
University of Seville	20	Spain	6 authors, including Casillas (6), Acedo (5) and Moreno (4)
Halmstad University	18	Sweden	4 authors, including Andersson (13)
University of Glasgow	18	UK	5 authors, including Jones (6) and Dimitratos (5)
University of Pavia	18	Italia	6 authors, including Zucchella (7) and Hagen (4)
University of Giessen	15	Germany	3 authors, including Schwens (6) and Kabst (6)
University of Vaasa	14	Finland	4 authors, including Gabrielsson (5) and Larimo (3)
Norwegian University of Science and Technology	13	Norway	4 authors, including Moen (6) and Aspelund (5)
University of Turku	13	Finland	6 authors, including Nummela (6)
Universitat Jaume I	12	Spain	5 authors, including Ripollés (4) and Blesa (4)
University of Minnesota	12	USA	2 authors: Zahra (7) and Sapienza (5)
Brock University	11	Canada	2 authors: Zhou (7) and DeClercq (4)
Oulu University	10	Finland	5 authors, including Mainela (3) and Puhakka (3)
University of Queensland	9	Australia	5 authors, including Weerawardena (3)
Monash university	9	Australia	7 authors, including Freeman (3)
Athens University	8	Greece	4 authors, including Dimitratos (4)
Florida State University	8	USA	2 authors, including Knight (7)

production of articles. A large number of active contributors have participated to the construction of international entrepreneurship, and this community is now expanding with the inclusion of a greater number of authors that has, in turn, increased diversity in terms of universities and countries of origins.



Table 7 Contributions per publication	Number of signatures per publication	Number of publications	Percent	Number of collaborations
	6	1	0.2	6
	5	4	0.7	20
	4	53	9.3	212
	3	164	28.9	492
	2	234	41.3	468
	1	111	19.9	111
	Total	567	100.0	1309

Toward the institutionalisation of international entrepreneurship?

The main indicators of the institutionalisation of research in international entrepreneurship are the following: an increasing number of publications since 2000, special issues from various disciplines, intellectual achievements and debates, article awards from prestigious journals and the creation of a specialised journal.

The number of articles on international entrepreneurship has grown in stages over 10-year periods. From 1989 to 1999, the average number of papers published per year in the field was less than ten; from 2000—which was when the Academy of Management Journal published a special issue on international entrepreneurship—to 2010, this average number fluctuated between ten and 14 per year. Since 2011, the average

Table 8 Most productive authors

Author	Number of articles published in the period	% of the authors	Cumulative part of the authors
McDougall	22	0.14	0.14
Andersson, Saarenketo, Zahra	15	0.43	0.57
Gabrielsson M., Oviatt	14	0.28	0.85
Dimitratos	13	0.14	0.99
Cavusgil, Fernhaber, Jones	11	0.43	1.42
Bell, Coviello	10	0.28	1.70
Knight, Kuivalainen, Loane, Puumalainen, Zhou	9	0.71	2.41
Acedo, Crick D., Evers, Li	8	0.57	2.98
Casillas, Freeman, Khavul, Madsen, Moen, Sapienza, Servais, Young, Zucchella	7	1.28	4.26
8 authors	6	1.13	5.39
9 authors	5	1.28	6.67
24 authors	4	3.40	10.07
39 authors	3	5.53	15.60
107 authors	2	15.18	30.78
488 authors	1	69.22	100.00
Total	705 authors	100.0	



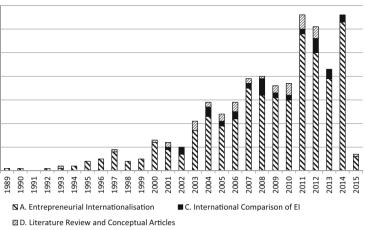


Fig. 1 Chronological evolution of publication

number has increased to between 40 and 68 (see Fig. 1). A similar trend tends to mark most other emerging research fields, meaning that this growth is not specific or unique to international entrepreneurship. However, it does highlight the interest of the management research community in international entrepreneurship research.

Important moments for international entrepreneurship include the creation of the *Journal of International Entrepreneurship* and special issues published by major journals. Since 2003, the creation of the *Journal of International Entrepreneurship* by Léo-Paul Dana and its development by Hamid Etemad had a notable impact on the number of publications and on the growth of a community of researchers specialised in international entrepreneurship. The increase in the number of articles published since 2011 started with two special issues published by the *Journal of Business Venturing* and the *Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development*. The main special issues on international entrepreneurship are as follows:

- Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice (1996, Vol. 20, No. 4)¹
- Academy of Management Journal (2000, Vol. 43, No. 5)
- Journal of International Management (2001, Vol. 7, No. 3), SMEs and the Global Economy
- Small Business Economics (2003, Vol. 20, No. 1), Internationalisation of SMEs: Toward a New Paradigm
- Journal of International Business Studies (2005, Vol. 36, No. 1), The Internationalisation of Entrepreneurship
- Management International Review (2005, Vol. 45, No. 3)
- International Business Review (2005, Vol. 14, No. 2), Research on International Entrepreneurship
- International Marketing Review (2006, Vol. 23, No. 5)
- Journal of World Business (2007, Vol. 42, No. 3), The Early and Rapid Internationalisation of the Firm
- European Management Journal (2008, Vol. 26, No. 6)

¹ No specific indication means that the special issue is simply entitled « International entrepreneurship ».



- Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal (2009, Vol. 3, No. 4)
- Journal of Business Venturing (2011, Vol. 26, No. 6), The Emergence, Advance and Future of International Entrepreneurship Research
- Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development (2011, Vol. 18, No. 3),
 International Entrepreneurship: Areas for Future Research
- European Business Review (2014, Vol. 26, No. 5), International New Ventures
- Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice (2014, Vol. 38, No. 1)
- Management International Review (2014, Vol. 15, No. 4), Born-Global Firms—
 From Birth to Maturity
- Journal of International Business Studies (2015, Vol. 46, No. 1), The Born-Global Firm

Intellectual achievements such as publications cited as articles of the decade by the *Journal of International Business Studies* (Knight and Cavusgil 2004; Oviatt and McDougall 1994) or papers or chapters that generate debate in literature, also contribute to the consolidation of the field. For instance, Andersen (1993) represents an intellectual achievement for international entrepreneurship (cited 88 times), which questions gradual internationalisation models. Another important intellectual achievement is the publication of a literature review on international entrepreneurship by the *Journal of Management* (the second most important journal in Business Research) with suggestions for developing the field (Keupp and Gassmann 2009). Finally, the creation of ie-scholar network and McGill IE conference are other meaningful indicators of the formalisation of a community around the field of study.

Bibliographical references in international entrepreneurship literature

The analysis of the most cited references helps extend our understanding of the historical construction of a field. Of the 567 articles in the database, 563 included a bibliography. We identified 42,522 references cited, for a total of 15,742 different articles, and an average of 75.5 references per article. The article that offers the most citations is the one by Peiris et al. (2012) whose literature review covered the first two decades of the field (372 references).

Table 9 lists the references cited at least by 10 % of the articles (i.e. more than 56 times), ranking the most cited references in descending order. The citation percentage is an indicator of general recognition and influence. According to the chronological distribution of cited references, even some relatively old references continue to have a strong presence, including Penrose (1959), Stinchcombe (1965), Johanson and Wiedersheim-Paul (1975), Johanson and Vahlne (1977), Bilkey and Tesar (1977), Porter (1980), Johanson and Mattsson (1988), Welch and Luostarinen (1988), Covin and Slevin (1989), Eisenhardt (1989) and McDougall (1989). Naturally, the number of citations of very recent publications is lower, given that these have not had sufficient time to spread throughout the field. Of the 66 references cited in more than 10 % of the articles, 45 (68.2 %) can be considered as being within the field of international entrepreneurship. This means that researchers cite more international entrepreneurship works outside the field. They share a common and interconnected knowledge from the international entrepreneurship literature.



Table 9 Most cited references

References cited	Number	Percent (/567)	Outside vs. inside the field
Oviatt and McDougall (1994)	400	70.0	Inside
Johanson and Vahlne (1977)	312	55.4	Outside
Autio et al. (2000)	240	42.6	Inside
McDougall and Oviatt (2000)	232	41.2	Inside
Madsen and Servais (1997)	202	35.9	Inside
Knight and Cavusgil (1996)	198	35.2	Inside
Knight and Cavusgil (2004)	181	32.1	Inside
Zahra et al. (2000)	175	31.1	Inside
Johanson and Vahlne (1990)	169	30.0	Outside
McDougall and Oviatt (2000)	159	28.2	Inside
Oviatt and McDougall (2005)	140	24.9	Inside
Coviello and Munro (1997)	140	24.9	Inside
Jones and Coviello (2005)	137	24.3	Inside
Bloodgood et al. (1996)	136	24.2	Inside
Bell (1995)	132	23.4	Inside
Rialp et al. (2005)	130	23.1	Inside
Rennie (1993)	125	22.2	Inside
Zahra (2005)	124	22.0	Inside
Eisenhardt (1989)	120	21.3	Outside
Barney (1991)	115	20.4	Outside
Oviatt and McDougall (1995)	111	19.7	Inside
Johanson and Wiedersheimpaul (1975)	109	19.4	Outside
Zahra and George (2002)	109	19.4	Inside
Coviello and Munro (1995)	108	19.2	Inside
Reuber and Fischer (1997)	107	19.0	Inside
Oviatt and McDougall (1997)	103	18.3	Inside
Jones (1999)	100	17.8	Inside
Sapienza et al. (2006)	98	17.4	Inside
Coviello (2006)	95	16.9	Inside
Bilkey and Tesar (1977)	95	16.9	Outside
Coviello and Jones (2004)	94	16.7	Inside
Lumpkin and Dess (1996)	91	16.2	Outside
Andersen (1993)	88	15.6	Outside
Johanson and Mattsson (1988)	87	15.5	Outside
McDougall and Oviatt (2000)	87	15.5	Inside
Lu and Beamish (2001)	86	15.3	Outside
Eriksson et al. (1997)	86	15.3	Outside
Penrose (1959)	85	15.1	Outside
Sharma and Blomstermo (2003)	84	14.9	Inside
Coviello and McAuley (1999)	83	14.7	Inside
McDougall and Oviatt (1996)	82	14.6	Inside



Table 9 (continued)

References cited	Number	Percent (/567)	Outside vs. inside the field
McDougall (1989)	81	14.4	Inside
Shane and Venkataraman (2000)	79	14.0	Outside
Westhead et al. (2001)	79	14.0	Inside
McDougall et al. (2003)	76	13.5	Inside
Teece et al. (1997)	75	13.3	Outside
Autio (2005)	74	13.1	Inside
Burgel and Murray (2000)	70	12.4	Inside
Moen and Servais (2002)	70	12.4	Inside
Crick and Jones (2000)	70	12.4	Inside
Moen (2002)	70	12.4	Inside
Jolly et al. (1992)	69	12.3	Inside
Johanson and Vahlne (2003)	69	12.3	Outside
Chetty and Campbell-Hunt (2004)	68	12.1	Inside
Cohen and Levinthal (1990)	67	11.9	Outside
Porter (1980)	63	11.2	Outside
Stinchcombe (1965)	63	11.2	Outside
Bell et al. (2003)	63	11.2	Inside
Zaheer (1995)	61	10.8	Outside
Welch and Luostarinen (1988)	61	10.8	Outside
Covin and Slevin (1989)	61	10.8	Outside
Yli-Renko et al. (2002)	60	10.7	Inside
McKinsey (1993)	60	10.7	Inside
Jones et al. (2011)	58	10.3	Inside
Andersson and Wictor (2003)	57	10.1	Inside
Bell et al. (2001)	57	10.1	Inside

The dominant keywords

The 567 articles ultimately produced 2602 keywords. Those keywords were classified into seven categories: field, process, type of firm, variables and concepts, theory and perspective, context or method. Next, we classified them in accordance with 55 generic keywords, to rationalise keywords with the same meanings or uses (see Table 10).

The category '1-field' is used to identify which field an article is connected to, by the use of a keyword: 10.6 % of keywords served to characterise a field and, within this category, 50.2 % of them (139) referred to the generic keyword 'international entrepreneurship' in line with the general theme of our investigation. In addition, 16.2 % of keywords belong to the '2-process' category, which includes generic internationalisation keywords. The '3-type of firm' category offers overviews of the types of firms studied in the articles, and contains 19.1 % of the keywords. Within this category, 24.9 and 17.3 % of the



Table 10 Keywords classification

Category	Generic keywords (KW)	Number	Presence of KW in articles
1—Field	International entrepreneurship	139	0.25
10.6 %	International business	53	0.09
	Entrepreneurship	49	0.09
	Entrepreneurialism	25	0.04
	Corporate entrepreneurship	11	0.02
	Total	277	0.50
2—Process	Internationalisation	200	0.35
16.2 %	'Speed of', 'rapid', 'accelerated' or early internationalisation	63	0.11
	Business formation, business development and model, growth	43	0.08
	Internationalisation process	29	0.05
	Internationalisation pattern or model	21	0.04
	Theories linked to internationalisation and stage models	22	0.04
	International expansion	11	0.02
	Key words related to a process	26	0.05
	Total	329	0.73
3—Types of firm	Born global	124	0.22
19.1 %	SMEs	113	0.20
	International new venture	86	0.15
	Tech firm	39	0.07
	New venture	36	0.06
	Multinational corporations	17	0.03
	Key words related to an 'international enterprise'	45	0.08
	Other types of non-international firms	37	0.07
	Total	497	0.88
4a—Variables and concepts/entrepreneur	Entrepreneurship or entrepreneur's variables and concepts	68	0.12
6.0 %	Entrepreneurial orientation	30	0.05
	Specific type of entrepreneur/ entrepreneurship	29	0.05
	Entrepreneur	19	0.03
	Cognition	11	0.02
	Total	157	0.28
4b—Variables and concepts/entry and international	Entry modes, FDI, Acquisitions and mergers, alliances and partnership	66	0.12
6.3 %	Export	48	0.08
	Market entry	26	0.05
	Other key words related to entry or to an international concept	24	0.04



Table 10 (continued)

Category	Generic keywords (KW)	Number	Presence of KW in articles
	Total	164	0.29
4c—Variables and	Performance	40	0.07
concepts/	Export or International performance	33	0.06
performance 3.3 %	Survival	12	0.02
	Total	85	0.15
4d-Variables and	Innovation and technology	29	0.05
concepts/management,	Finance and IPO	20	0.04
strategy, IB 6.6 %	Other key words related to management, organisation, strategy	89	0.16
	Other key words	35	0.06
	Total	173	0.31
5—Theory/perspective	Network, social capital	119	0.21
20.8 %	RBV, competence and capability	89	0.16
	Knowledge	76	0.13
	Learning	69	0.12
	Strategy or international strategy	70	0.12
	Marketing, international marketing, channel and marketing strategy	46	0.08
	Opportunity	27	0.05
	Institutional perspective	34	0.06
	Transaction cost (7)	11	0.02
	Total	541	0.95
6—Context	Country	79	0.14
8.8 %	ICT, internet, software	46	0.08
	Business context	38	0.07
	Emerging and transition economies	38	0.07
	Globalisation	19	0.03
	Other key words linked to a context	8	0.01
	Total	228	0.40
7—Method 2.4 %	Method	63	0.11
8—Not classified	Not classified	2	0.00

keywords involve notions on born global firms (in 124 papers) and international new ventures (in 86 papers), respectively. Furthermore, 22.7 and 7.8 % of the keywords are classified as generic small to medium-sized enterprise (SME) (in 113 papers) and tech firm (in 39 papers), respectively.

In the '4-variables and concepts' category, we found 22.2 % of the total keywords. Among these, 27.3 % of them can be classified as referring to '4a—entrepreneur', 28.4 % to '4b—entry and international', 14.7 % to the subcategory '4c—performance'



and 29.6 % to '4d—management or strategy' subcategory. In addition, the variables and concepts described by keywords span a number of different fields (e.g. international business, management and strategy, entrepreneurship). Similarly, variety marks the '5-theory and perspective' category, which represents 20.8 % of the total keywords. They include generic keywords pertaining to diverse fields of research, such as the network approach, resource-based view, knowledge approach, strategy, learning approach or international marketing. The keywords for the '6-context' category show the variety of contexts for the empirical studies in international entrepreneurship.

The range of research areas, variables and concepts is very broad and characteristic of a rather mature research field that comprises various research objects and theoretical approaches. This variety, which has also evolved over time, is a sign of the dynamism of research on entrepreneurial internationalisation, at the intersection of several existing fields. The main keywords specific to international entrepreneurship are *international entrepreneurship*, *entrepreneurial internationalisation*, *early internationalisation*, *internationalisation*, *international venturing*, *new venture internationalisation*, *international new venture*, *born global*, *born again global*, *born international* and *born regional*.

Networks of co-citations in international entrepreneurship literature

We present the bibliometric analysis methods that we used to study the references cited and the main authors contributing to international entrepreneurship literature. We then analyse clusters of co-citations.

Methodology

We seek to define a central structure of the international entrepreneurship theme. Because we are interested in the most frequently cited groups of citations, to speed up the convergence of the algorithm, we considered only citation references, cited at least 56 times in the population (i.e. by more than 10 % of papers). We then built—in stages—all possible ordered pairs of references (i.e. reference cocitations).

Different computer techniques exist to identify the intellectual structure of a field (McCain 1990); we chose to use network mapping. We built maps to analyse the structure of reference co-citations and represented the main reference clusters on a map. To identify networks of references within the data and draw maps, we used Grimmersoft Wordmapper software.

The maps in Fig. 2 reflect two choices. First, we decided to focus on the heart of the field, by fixing the minimum level of co-citations at 50. This high level is possible, because the mean density in the international entrepreneurship literature is so high (i.e. articles produced in international entrepreneurship focus on the same topics and references, which is not necessarily the case in all scientific fields). Second, we established links between references if their closeness was higher than any other closeness calculated between any other references. Without this limitation, the computer would draw all links between all references.



Number of co-citations

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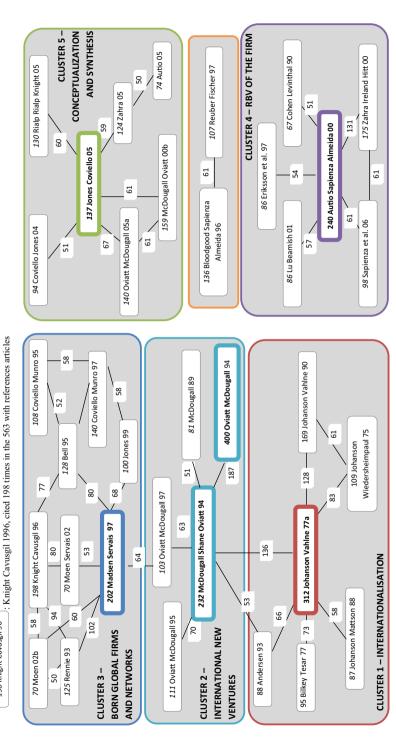


Fig. 2 Co-citations networks (co-citations >50; p>0.20). How to read the map of networks



For each reference, we indicate the number of citations in the database. The number attached to the link between two references indicates the number of co-citations (i.e. papers that cite the references together). Existing links between references contribute to defining the network. We identify five main reference networks (clusters). The co-citations analysis helps to discover the patterns of knowledge diffusion and influence (Etemad 2004) in a research community contributing to the emergence and development of a field. A map based on co-citation data can also shed light on the social construction of the field by its members (Nerur et al. 2008) because the patterns are derived from numerous citations of scholars' perceptions of a field (Peteraf et al. 2013).

Analysis of the clusters

In this section, we present the networks of co-citations (Fig. 2). The analysis is run with a probability of co-citation selection of at least 0.20. This very high degree of probability gives a solid structure to the networks. The clusters are more tightly connected from the inside, making it easier to describe the different parts of the international entrepreneurship literature. The analysis reveals five distinct clusters that we named according to their main contribution:

- 1. Internationalisation of SMEs
- International new ventures
- 3. Born global firms and networks
- 4. Resource-based view of the firm
- 5. Conceptualisation and synthesis

Cluster 1: Internationalisation of SMEs. This cluster groups together the references linked to traditional process theories of internationalisation, namely, stage theory and the Uppsala model (Johanson and Vahlne 1977). Based on the behavioural theory of the firm (Aharoni 1966; Cyert and March 1963) and the theory of the growth of the firm (Penrose 1959), the Uppsala model represents the basic mechanism of internationalisation (state and change aspects), according to the experience of four Swedish multinationals during their start-up and development phases. Bilkey and Tesar (1977) propose a descriptive six-stage export model. This reference is linked to references of the Uppsala model. These articles serve as a reference for the literature in international entrepreneurship, which emerged as a reaction to the process models of internationalisation. Andersen (1993) criticises models that use individual firms' internationalisation processes, such as the Uppsala and innovation models, to explain internationalisation (lack of explanatory power). He highlights the weaknesses of these models concerning the validity and falsification criteria (i.e. link between empirical operations and concepts of the model). He emphasises the need to delineate theoretical boundaries and explicate any assumptions that might limit the theory (values, scope, time). It connects with the 'International New Ventures' cluster, which offers a complementary explanation of the early and rapid internationalisation



of new ventures. Clusters 1 and 2 are connected through the seminal articles of McDougall et al. (1994) and of Oviatt and McDougall (1994). The latter propose a theoretical framework for explaining the existence of international new ventures. Johanson and Vahlne (1990) respond to such critics by linking the model to the eclectic paradigm of Dunning (1988), industrial networks (Johanson and Mattsson 1988) and package and cycles advantages. Specifically, they propose that firm internationalisation processes reflect their surrounding processes (e.g. market and network processes, industry internationalisation, technical development, concentration and de-concentration processes). In this sense, we also identify a link with cluster 3 'Born global firms and networks'.

Cluster 2:

International new ventures. McDougall (1989) was the first to write about the phenomenon of international entrepreneurship. This article became the starting point of international entrepreneurship literature (McDougall and Oviatt 2000). McDougall et al. (1994) reveal how existing theories of the internationalisation of the firm can partially explain international new ventures but also call for new perspectives on the field, particularly as it relates to the entrepreneur and its network. Oviatt and McDougall (1995) resonate more with cluster 3 'Born global firms and networks', because they focus on understanding global start-ups, their characteristics and the reasons for their existence. Oviatt and McDougall (1994) define and describe international new ventures and propose a typology and theoretical framework. This article has had a substantial impact on international entrepreneurship literature: it is, on the one hand, the most cited and, on the other, it is recognised as the best paper of the decade by the Journal of International Business Studies. Oviatt and McDougall (1997) present the existence of international new ventures as a challenge for internationalisation process theory. This cluster served to construct theoretical frameworks to understand and explain international new ventures and international entrepreneurship, and it is directly related to the 'internationalisation of SMEs' cluster through the article by McDougall et al. (1994) and to the 'Born global firms and networks' cluster through the analysis by Oviatt and McDougall (1997). The articles by McDougall et al. (1994) and Oviatt and McDougall (1994) have the highest level of co-citation.

Two articles appear as isolated in terms of co-citation networks. Reuber and Fischer (1997) describe entrepreneurial teams and their relation to SME internationalisation, by measuring the impact of international experience on international partnership, time to internationalisation and internationalisation level. Using the resource-based view, Bloodgood et al. (1996) show that internationalisation relates directly to the use of product differentiation as a source of competitive advantage, as well as to the international work experience of the board of directors and the firm's size at the time of its initial public offering. The two articles have in common that they emphasise international experience in order to explain



internationalisation. So, they are indirectly connected with cluster 2, 'International new ventures'.

Cluster 3: Born global firms and networks. This cluster brings together two important streams of research in international entrepreneurship: one focuses on born global firms and, the other, on the networks of hightech or knowledge-intensive small firms. These two research streams are connected by the work of Madsen and Servais (1997), Bell (1995) and Jones (1999). Knowledge related to the networks of high-tech or knowledge-intensive small firms includes empirical articles about high-tech (Jones 1999) and software (Bell 1995; Coviello and Munro 1995, 1997) firms. The articles rely on a network approach to explain firm internationalisation. Jones (1999) emphasises a pattern of international development, including the establishment of crossborder activity in value chains as well as associated service activities; she also specifically studies cross-border link formation over time. This stream of research also highlights the complementarities between establishment chain theories (Uppsala model, stage model) and network theories. For these authors, neither stage theories nor network approaches can fully explain internationalisation processes. Knowledge related to born global firms includes both conceptual articles and empirical studies. The stream of research on born global firms makes three types of contributions: it shows the emergence of the born global firms phenomenon (Rennie 1993), it challenges the generalisability of models of internationalisation processes by SMEs (Knight and Cavusgil 1996) and it calls for new theoretical frameworks (Knight and Cavusgil 1996; Madsen and Servais 1997). For example, with their meta-analysis of published cases, Madsen and Servais (1997; cited 202 times) classify firms' internationalisation processes (traditional vs. born again global vs. born global). Although they do not reject internationalisation stage models completely, they formulate propositions to better explain its causes, they call for a network perspective and they note the need for unified definitions of the objects in the field (e.g. born global vs. international new ventures). For Moen (2002), the born global phenomenon represents a new trend, marked by firms that begin their international activity earlier, due to the global orientation of the entrepreneur and market conditions. Moen and Servais (2002) offer a comparative analysis of born global firms from three European countries and confirm that they tend to export earlier, thus, challenging models of gradual internationalisation. They also conclude that firms' internationalisation processes depend on their internationalisation behaviour soon after their creation.

Cluster 4: Resource-based view of the firm. Articles in this cluster use the resource-based view of the firm and related perspective to explain internationalisation. The article by Autio et al. (2000) has a central position for the knowledge diffusion of this cluster. Autio et al. (2000) use knowledge-based and learning theory to shed light on international growth in entrepreneurial firms, revealing that earlier



internationalisation and knowledge intensity is associated with faster international growth. Cohen and Levinthal (1990) emphasise that absorptive capacity is a function of the firm's prior related knowledge, so its development, and thus the firm's innovative performance, are path dependent. This concept has served to explain high-tech start-ups that internationalise early and rapidly. Eriksson et al. (1997) identify and delineate components of experiential knowledge in the internationalisation process. Using a capabilities perspective, the framework of Sapienza et al. (2006) seeks to explain the direct effects of early internationalisation on firm survival and growth. Zahra et al. (2000) design a model of the factors that affect the performance of international new ventures. They study the effects of international expansion on a firm's technological learning and the effects of this learning on the firm's financial performance. Lu and Beamish (2001) explore the effects of the internationalisation of SMEs on firm performance. They find that, among others, alliances with partners with local knowledge can be an effective strategy to overcome SMEs' deficiencies in terms of resources and capabilities.

Cluster 5: Concepts and synthesis. This cluster includes theoretical and conceptual articles that present concepts, models and definitions (international new venture, international entrepreneurship) in entrepreneurial internationalisation. It is a reference for the other clusters, creating links between them. Conceptual articles in this cluster highlight the presence of international entrepreneurship at the intersection of international business and entrepreneurship. For example, McDougall and Oviatt (2000) propose a definition of international entrepreneurship that has been widely used as a reference. Various articles have built on the seminal article of work by Oviatt and McDougall (1994) in an effort to understand its contributions to literature (Autio 2005; Zahra 2005), conceptualise international entrepreneurship and identify new paths for research (Zahra 2005; Zahra and George 2002). Oviatt and McDougall (2005) review the impact of previous articles and confirm the use of the definition of international new ventures they previously proposed (Oviatt and McDougall 1994). Coviello and Jones (2004) assess the methodologies in international entrepreneurship; they expose implications for developing a unifying methodological direction in international entrepreneurship and the evolution of multidisciplinary approaches. Jones and Coviello (2005) develop three potential models of internationalisation as a time-based process of entrepreneurial behaviour, using concepts from both international business and entrepreneurship. The article by Jones and Coviello (2005) has a central position for the knowledge diffusion of this cluster. In examining literature on international new ventures, Rialp et al. (2005) present a research model of early internationalising firms, based on the resource-based view. These articles consolidate to structure the knowledge base in international entrepreneurship. They each offer a conceptual basis for the legitimisation of the field.



The references in international entrepreneurship literature are compact. Our bibliometric analysis reveals a strong identity, with a stable body of references, which is clearly identified by the community and contains a high level of co-citations. The co-citation analysis also reveals five distinct bodies of literature that contribute to knowledge building in international entrepreneurship.

International entrepreneurship emerged with the study of the early and rapid internationalisation of new ventures. The articles in clusters 2 (International new ventures) and 3 (Born global firms and networks) challenge the generalisability of existing models of the internationalisation process and seek to create new theoretical frameworks and a new field, derived from the entrepreneurship domain. Cluster 2 (New international ventures) proposes a theoretical framework that partially contradicts the process theory of internationalisation. The links between clusters 1 and 2 reflect the debates on the development of a new theoretical framework. Cluster 3 'Born global firms and networks' represents the knowledge of two research streams in international entrepreneurship that have strong connections and that have, in some ways, merged. The density of co-citations reflects the exchanges that lead to the integration of these two approaches. The conceptual articles of Madsen and Servais (1997) and the ones by Oviatt and McDougall (1997) and McDougall et al. (1994) are connected. These links show that the two research streams on born global firms and international new ventures are no longer developing separately. The integration of the two approaches is necessary for the evolution of international entrepreneurship. Cluster 5 reflects the contribution of the field of strategic management (including the resource-based view, the learning theory and the dynamic capabilities) for the internationalisation of new ventures. The core knowledge of this cluster supports the evolution of existing models and also proposes alternative models complementary to cluster 1. Cluster 5 can be viewed as a link between the core knowledge represented by clusters 1, 2, 3 and 4, by integrating the whole community around the concept or process of international entrepreneurship. Contributions in this cluster connect to integrative articles that work to frame and conceptualise international entrepreneurship (McDougall and Oviatt 2000; Oviatt and McDougall 2005; Jones and Coviello 2005; Rialp et al. 2005), emphasising the need to overcome the specificities of the types of firms. At the nexus of this cluster is the article by Jones and Coviello (2005). The authors develop a general model of entrepreneurial internationalisation as a timebased process of entrepreneurial behaviour. Their holistic view of internationalisation as an entrepreneurial process of behaviour over time presents several advantages. From a theoretical point of view, the concept of entrepreneurial internationalisation integrates the core knowledge of the other clusters (1, 2, 3, 4). From an empirical point of view, the concept of entrepreneurial internationalisation helps overcome the contradictions between the different denominations of types of venture, especially between born global firms and international new ventures (cf. Madsen 2013). The core knowledge generated by clusters 4 'Resource-based view of the firm' and 5 'Conceptualisation and synthesis' partially address the criticism by Keupp and Gassmann (2009) who emphasise that international entrepreneurship does not have a unifying paradigm due to its phenomenological basis. Our cluster analysis and our descriptive results on the international entrepreneurship literature show that the main concepts in international entrepreneurship reflect both an international business perspective and an entrepreneurship perspective. The international entrepreneurship literature is also enriched with other approaches, including strategic management or marketing among others.



Conclusion

The purpose of the article is to investigate whether international entrepreneurship embodies the characteristics of a field by reviewing the literature through bibliometrics and by analysing the references' co-citations. Because our work focuses on the networks of references and on knowledge diffusion, it complements previous literature reviews.

The international entrepreneurship literature comprises a large number of peerreviewed articles (567 in total, from 1989 to February 2015). Key references during this period have structured international entrepreneurship. Literature specific to international entrepreneurship appears not only in entrepreneurship or international business journals, but also in general management journals. Researchers from various fields are interested by research in international entrepreneurship. This interest for international entrepreneurship is also reflected in the geographic and academic variety, in terms of the contributors' countries and universities of origin. In addition, there has been an exponential increase in the trend and rhythm of publications since the beginning of the twenty-first century. Key moments such as special issues in top-ranked journals, the creation of a dedicated journal or article awards have contributed to the institutionalisation of international entrepreneurship. Researchers interested in the field form a large and ever-expanding community, sharing a common and interconnected knowledge by most frequently citing articles from the international entrepreneurship literature. They also use keywords specific to international entrepreneurship to characterise their work.

The co-citations analysis helps to discover the patterns of knowledge diffusion and influence (Etemad 2004) inside and outside the emerging community of researchers in international entrepreneurship. The pertaining literature is framed around five distinct clusters that contribute to international entrepreneurship knowledge building: (1) Internationalisation of SMEs, (2) International new ventures, (3) Born global firms and networks, (4) Resource-based view of the firm and (5) Conceptualisation and synthesis. These clusters are dense networks; they represent the core knowledge diffusion inside international entrepreneurship literature. The five clusters clearly identify and delimit international entrepreneurship knowledge; they form a coherent and interconnected body of knowledge, also presenting variety. The distinction between international entrepreneurship and its mother disciplines (entrepreneurship and international business) has long been subject to debate (Coombs et al. 2009; Coviello et al. 2015; Jones et al. 2011; Keupp and Gassmann 2009). However, international entrepreneurship is framed and structured by an established body of references, with its researchers forming a distinctive community with a strong identity. The analysis also shows that external contributions from other disciplines and perspectives, including the resource-based view, knowledge-based view, network perspective, learning theory, international business or entrepreneurship, have enriched international entrepreneurship knowledge and nurtured the development of new concepts. Although the co-citations analysis presents five distinct and dense clusters, the body of knowledge is interconnected. Cluster 5 'Conceptualisation and synthesis' serves to bridge networks of theoretical knowledge and to overcome the phenomenological background of international entrepreneurship. The examination of the literature as well as the analysis of the structure of knowledge in international entrepreneurship leads us to conclude that international entrepreneurship has the key characteristics of an emerging field.



McDougall-Covin et al. (2014) mention that the criticisms calling for unification and consistency in domain vocabulary in international entrepreneurship "require that scholars identify and confirm the core paradigms that belong to and define international entrepreneurship, refine its constructs, and establish the parameters within which it can claim distinctiveness" (p. 7). By identifying the co-citation clusters and their underlying knowledge, our analysis of the literature contributes to achieving this goal. Using the sociological approach of Hambrick and Chen (2008), Coviello et al. (2015) conclude that even though much progress has been made to establish international entrepreneurship as a credible and identifiable field of research, additional efforts are required to strengthen the mobilisation and legitimisation of international entrepreneurship. Using the bibliometric approach of cocitations analysis, we conclude that even though international entrepreneurship research is recent and drawing on five distinct clusters, it forms a coherent and well-delineated body of knowledge.

Nevertheless, if the emerging field of international entrepreneurship has to move forward, it not only has to capitalise on the existing body of knowledge, but it also has to find new ways to further enrich its knowledge. International entrepreneurship has two main characteristics. First, it is at the interface of international business and entrepreneurship. Second, a variety of perspectives and concepts from other disciplines have nurtured its development. Researchers in international entrepreneurship should continue their endeavours to integrate new developments from its mother disciplines, international business and entrepreneurship, as well as new perspective and concepts from other fields. International entrepreneurship concepts should now feed other fields of research, including its mother disciplines: international business and entrepreneurship.

A scientific field is not only a matter of knowledge construction, but also one of social construction, in which people—and not only ideas—meet. In order to continue the emerging field's process of institutionalisation, scholars have to (1) continue to generate social events (such as McGill IE conferences, special tracks in IB conferences); (2) propose new ideas, to both stabilise and enrich international entrepreneurship ideas, as well as export ideas on international entrepreneurship to international business and entrepreneurship communities and journals; and (3) continue debating on international entrepreneurship. One way to achieve this goal is, for example, to further explore the non-exhaustive high-potential areas for future research in international entrepreneurship identified in the special issue on international entrepreneurship directed by McDougall-Covin et al. (2014) or the suggestions for future inquiry concerning early and rapid internationalization from Cavusgil and Knight (2015). Following Coviello et al. (2015), we believe that the diversity of approaches and of theoretical perspectives should continue to strengthen the emerging field of international entrepreneurship.

The limitations of this study arise paradoxically from the wealth of possibilities offered by the co-citations analysis method. Precisely because of this abundance of possibilities, we made choices in order to build on only one question: Is international entrepreneurship a field? The co-citation analysis was elaborated to include the whole 1989–2015 period. A different perspective would be to divide this block into periods in order to better understand the stages of field's construction, the evolution of knowledge and the changes in the intellectual structure. This would also reveal whether the actual structure of the field is the product of a continuum (evolution) or whether it is the product of a process evolved by debates (revolutions). A second limitation is that the citations are being treated in the same



way, without previous knowledge of whether they support or criticise a specific work. Third, even though we try to be as objective as possible, some degree of subjectivity is difficult to avoid. This is particularly the case insofar as the decision regarding the number of authors or references to include in the analysis. Recent articles do not appear in the analysis and they have not been cited throughout the entire period, given that they have not existed for much of it. These limitations do not change the results of our study in any significant way; nevertheless, an awareness of these limitations is important when interpreting the results. Despite them, including those inherent to the method involved in conducting a literature review with a bibliometric analysis on an emerging field, we hope that this study adds a new perspective on international entrepreneurship literature.

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Appendix

List of all the papers included in the study

Authors	Year	Journal
McDougall	1989	Journal of Business Venturing
Litvak	1990	Multinational Business
Jolly, Alahuhta, Jeannet	1992	Journal of Strategic Change
Giamartino, McDougall, Bird	1993	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Rennie	1993	The McKinsey Quarterly
McDougall, Shane, Oviatt	1994	Journal of Business Venturing
Oviatt, McDougall	1994	Journal of International Business Studies
Bell	1995	European Journal of Marketing
Coviello, Munro	1995	European Journal of Marketing
Oviatt, McDougall	1995	Academy of Management Executive
Vatne	1995	Environment and Planning
Bloodgood, Sapienza, Almeida	1996	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Boter, Holmquist	1996	Journal of Business Venturing
Knight, Cavusgil	1996	Advances in International Marketing
Korhonen, Luostarinen, Welch	1996	Management International Review
McDougall, Oviatt	1996	Journal of Business Venturing
Birkinshaw	1997	Strategic Management Journal
Casson	1997	Business and Economic History
Coviello, Munro	1997	International Business Review
Fontes, Coombs	1997	International Small Business Journal
Madsen, Servais	1997	International Business Review



Authors	Year	Journal
Oviatt, McDougall	1997	Management International Review
Reuber, Fischer	1997	Journal of International Business Studies
Zacharakis	1997	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Zahra, Neubaum, Huse	1997	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Caruana, Morris, Vella	1998	Journal of Small Business Management
Holmlund, Kock	1998	International Small Business Journal
Karagozoglu, Lindell	1998	Journal of Small Business Management
Keogh, Jack, Bower, Crabtree	1998	International Small Business Journal
Glas, Hisrich, Vancic, Antoncic	1999	Global Focus
Hansen, Witkowski	1999	New England Journal of Entrepreneurship
Jones	1999	Journal of International Marketing
McAuley	1999	Journal of International Marketing
Preece, Miles, Baetz	1999	Journal of Business Venturing
Andersson	2000	International Studies of Management & Organization
Antoncic, Hisrich	2000	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Autio, Sapienza, Almeida	2000	Academy of Management Journal
Burgel, Murray	2000	Journal of International Marketing
Crick, Jones	2000	Journal of International Marketing
Harveston, Kedia, Davis	2000	Advances in Competitiveness Research
Knight	2000	Journal of International Marketing
McDougall, Oviatt	2000	Academy of Management Journal
Shrader, Oviatt, McDougall	2000	Academy of Management Journal
Wolff, Pett	2000	Journal of Small Business Management
Yeoh	2000	Journal of International Marketing
Zahra, Garvis	2000	Journal of Business Venturing
Zahra, Ireland, Hitt	2000	Academy of Management Journal
Bell, McNaughton, Young	2001	Journal of International Management
Geursen, Dana	2001	Journal of Enterprising Culture
Ibeh, Young	2001	European Journal of Marketing
Ibrahim, McGuire	2001	Management International
Jones	2001	Journal of International Management
Knight	2001	Journal of International Management
McNaughton	2001	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Rasmussan, Madsen, Evangelista	2001	Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics
Shrader	2001	Academy of Management Journal
Stray, Bridgewater, Murray	2001	Journal of Global Marketing
Westhead, Wright, Ucbasaran	2001	Journal of Business Venturing
Zahra, Hayton, Marcel, O'Neill	2001	European Management Journal
Andersson	2002	1 0
Fillis	2002	Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship
Kuemmerle	2002	Journal of Business Venturing
Loane, Bell	2002	Irish Journal of Management



Authors	Year	Journal
Manolova, Brush, Edelman, Greene	2002	International Small Business Journal
Moen	2002	International Marketing Review
Moen, Servais	2002	Journal of International Marketing
Rhee	2002	New England Journal of Entrepreneurship
Wai-Chung Yeung	2002	Asia Pacific Journal of Management
Yli-Renko, Autio, Tontti	2002	International Business Review
Andersson, Wictor	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Balabanis, Katsikea	2003	International Business Review
Bell, McNaughton, Young, Crick	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Dimitratos, Johnson, Slow, Young	2003	European Management Journal
Dimitratos, Plakoyiannaki	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Etemad, Lee	2003	Small Business Economics
Hohenthal, Johanson, Johanson	2003	International Business Review
Hurmerinta-PeltomÄki	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Ibeh	2003	Small Business Economics
Katz, Safranski, Khan	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Kundu, Katz		Small Business Economics
Lee, Chen	2003	Asia Pacific Journal of Management
McDonald, Krause, Schmengler, Tüselmann	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
McDougall, Oviatt, Shrader	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
McNaughton	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Riddle, Gilespie	2003	Small Business Economics
Sharma, Blomstermo	2003	International Business Review
Spence	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Wright R.W., Dana	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Young, Dimitratos, Dana	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Zahra, Matherne, Carleton	2003	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Andersson	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Aspelund, Moen	2004	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Bell, Crick, Young	2004	International Small Business Journal
Bengtsson	2004	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business
Blomstermo, Eriksson K., Lindstrand, Sharma	2004	Journal of International Management
Callaway	2004	New England Journal of Entrepreneurship
Chetty, Campbell-Hunt	2004	Journal of International Marketing
Coviello, Jones	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Crick	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Dimitratos, Lioukas, Carter	2004	International Business Review
Etemad	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Fillis	2004	International Small Business Journal
Fletcher	2004	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Gabrielsson M., Kirpalani	2004	International Business Review



Authors	Year	Journal
Gabrielsson M., Sasi, Darling	2004	European Business Review
Hashai, Almor	2004	International Business Review
Ibeh, Johnson, Dimitratos, Slow	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Johnson	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Knight, Cavusgil	2004	Journal of International Business Studies
Knight, Madsen, Servais	2004	International Marketing Review
Leiblein, Reuer	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Levesque, Shepherd	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Loane, McNaughton, Bell	2004	Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences
Nummela, Saarenketo, Puumalainen	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Park, Bae	2004	Journal of Business Venturing
Saarenketo, Puumalainen, Kuivalainen, Kylaheiko	2004	International Journal of Production Economics
Shaw, Darroch	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Welch, Welch	2004	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Zahra, Neck, Kelley	2004	Advances in Entrepreneurship, Firm Emergence and Growth
Arenius	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Arenius, Sasi, Gabrielsson M.	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Aspelund, Moen	2005	Management International Review
Autio	2005	Journal of International Business Studies
Contractor, Hsu, Kundu	2005	Management International Review
Crick, Spence	2005	International Business Review
DeClercq, Sapienza, Crijns	2005	Small Business Economics
Evangelista	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Gabrielsson M.	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Ibeh	2005	Management International Review
Jantunen, Puumalainen, Saarenketo, Kylaheiko	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Jones, Coviello	2005	Journal of International Business Studies
Knight, Cavusgil	2005	Management International Review
Loane	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Mostafa, Wheeler, Jones	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Oviatt, McDougall	2005	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Oviatt, McDougall	2005	Journal of International Business Studies
Prashantham	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Rialp A., Rialp J., Knight	2005	International Business Review
Rialp A., Rialp J., Urbano, Vaillant	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Sapienza, DeClercq, Sandberg	2005	Journal of Business Venturing
Varis, Kuivalainen, Saarenketo	2005	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Zahra	2005	Journal of International Business Studies
Zahra, Korri, Yu	2005	International Business Review
Acedo, Florin	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship



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Andersson, Eriksson M., Lundmark	2006	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business
Andersson, Evangelista	2006	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Andersson, Gabrielsson J., Wictor	2006	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business
Belso-Martinez	2006	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Bloodgood	2006	International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research
Buttriss, Wilkinson	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Coviello	2006	Journal of International Business Studies
Coviello, Cox	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Freeman, Edwards, Schroder	2006	Journal of International Marketing
Garvey, Brennan	2006	Irish Journal of Management
Gleason, Madura, Wiggenhorn	2006	International Journal of Managerial Finance
Han	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Hohenthal	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Kropp, Lindsay, Shoham	2006	International Marketing Review
LiPuma	2006	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
Loane, Bell	2006	International Marketing Review
Luostarinen, Gabrielsson	2006	Thunderbird International Business Review
Mort, Weerawardena	2006	International Marketing Review
Mtigwe	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Pla-Barber, Escriba-Esteve	2006	International Marketing Review
Ruokonen, Nummela, Puumalainen, Saarenketo	2006	International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management
Sapienza, Autio, George, Zahra	2006	Academy of Management Review
Seymour	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Spence, Crick	2006	International Marketing Review
Styles, Seymour	2006	International Marketing Review
Wakkee	2006	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Zain, Ng	2006	Thunderbird International Business Review
Zhu, Hitt, Tihanyi	2006	Journal of Small Business Strategy
Acedo, Casillas	2007	International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research
Acedo, Jones	2007	Journal of World Business
Aspelund, Madsen, Moen	2007	European Journal of Marketing
Brannbäck, Carsrud, Renko	2007	Journal of Enterprising Culture
Cloninger, Oviatt	2007	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Fan, Phan	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
Fernhaber, McDougall, Oviatt	2007	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Freeman, Cavusgil	2007	Journal of International Marketing
Gassmann, Keupp	2007	Journal of World Business
Gleason, Wiggenhorn	2007	Journal of World Business
Hallbäck, Larimo	2007	Journal of Euro-Marketing



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Hutchinson, Alexander, Quinn, Doherty	2007	Journal of International Marketing
Klyver, Christensen	2007	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business
Kuivalainen, Lindqvist, Saarenketo, Äijö	2007	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Kuivalainen, Sundqvist	2007	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Kuivalainen, Sundqvist, Servais	2007	Journal of World Business
Laanti, Gabrielsson M., Gabrielsson P.	2007	Industrial Marketing Management
Loane, Bell, McNaughton	2007	Journal of World Business
Mathews, Zander	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
McGaughey	2007	Journal of World Business
Melen, Nordman	2007	International Journal of Globalisation and Small Business
Mudambi, Zahra	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
Nadkarni, Perez	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
Pisano, Ireland, Hitt, Webb	2007	International Journal of Technology Management
Presutti, Boan, Fratocchi	2007	International Business Review
Rialp A., Rialp J.	2007	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Ripollés-Mélia, Menguzzato- Boulard, Sanchez-Peinado	2007	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Ruzzier, Antoncic, Hisrich, Konecnik	2007	Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences
Servais, Zucchella, Palamara	2007	Journal of Euro-Marketing
Vissak	2007	Journal of East–west Business
Weerawardena, Mort, Liesch, Knight	2007	Journal of World Business
Wright, Westhead, Ucbasaran	2007	Regional Studies
Yiu, Lau, Bruton	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
Zhang, Dodgson	2007	Journal of World Business
Zhang, Tansuhaj	2007	Multinational Business Review
Zhou	2007	Journal of World Business
Zhou, Wu, Luo	2007	Journal of International Business Studies
Zidonis	2007	Baltic Journal of Management
Zucchella, Palamara, Denicolai	2007	Journal of World Business
Al-Laham, Souitaris		Journal of Business Venturing
Andersson, Florén	2008	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Arbaugh, Camp, Cox	2008	Journal of Managerial Issues
Berg, Aspelund, Sørheim	2008	${\it The International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation}$
Blesa, Monferrer, Nauwelaerts, Ripollés	2008	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Blomqvist, Hurmelinna-Laukkanen, Nummela, Saarenketo	2008	Journal of Engineering and Technology Development
Callaway	2008	Multinational Business Review
Coeurderoy, Murray	2008	Journal of International Business Studies
Dahles	2008	Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship



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DeClercq, Hessels, vanStel	2008	
DiGregorio, Musteen, Thomas	2008	V
Fernhaber, Gilbert, McDougall	2008	Journal of International Business Studies
Gabrielsson M., Kirpalani, Dimitratos, Solberg, Zucchella	2008	International Business Review
Gabrielsson M., Pelkonen	2008	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Gamboa, Brouthers	2008	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Han	2008	Journal of Enterprising Culture
Han, Celly	2008	Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences
Jantunen, Nummela, Puumalainen, Saarenketo	2008	Journal of World Business
Karra, Phillips, Tracey	2008	Long Range Planning
Kiss, Danis	2008	European Management Journal
Kropp, Lindsay, Shoham	2008	International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research
Liu, Xiao, Huang	2008	International Business Review
Michailova, Wilson	2008	Journal of World Business
Moen, Sørheim, Erikson	2008	Journal of Small Business Management
Muzychenko	2008	European Management Journal
Nordman, Melén	2008	Journal of World Business
Perks, Hughes	2008	International Business Review
Prashantham	2008	European Management Journal
Rhee	2008	Asian Business & Management
Sasi, Arenius	2008	European Management Journal
Styles, Genua	2008	Journal of World Business
Terjesen, O'Gorman, Acs	2008	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Thai, Chong	2008	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Tuppura, Saarenketo, Puumalainen, Jantunen, Kyläheiko	2008	International Business Review
Vapola, Tossavainen, Gabrielsson M.	2008	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Wennberg, Holmquist	2008	European Management Journal
Westhead	2008	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Yamakawa, Peng, Deeds	2008	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Zahra, Hayton	2008	Journal of Business Venturing
Zettinig, Benson-Rea	2008	
Bingham	2009	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
Boehe	2009	Latin American Business Review
Cabrol, Nlemvo	2009	European Management Journal
Casillas, Moreno, Acedo, Gallego, Ramos	2009	Journal of World Business
Chandra, Styles, Wilkinson	2009	International Marketing Review
Coombs, Sadrieh, Annavarjula	2009	International Journal of Entrepreneurship
Crick	2009	International Marketing Review



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Di Gregorio, Musteen, Thomas	2009	Journal of International Business Studies
Fernhaber, McDougall-Covin	2009	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Fernhaber, McDougall-Covin, Shepherd	2009	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
Filatotchev, Liu, Buck, Wright M.	2009	Journal of International Business Studies
Filatotchev, Piesse	2009	Journal of International Business Studies
Frishammar, Andersson	2009	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Glowik, Göttert	2009	Journal of Economics & Management
Keupp, Gassmann	2009	Journal of Management
Kocak, Abimbola	2009	International Marketing Review
Lopez, Kundu, Ciravegna	2009	Journal of International Business Studies
Mainela, Puhakka	2009	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Melén, Nordman	2009	European Management Journal
Morgan-Thomas, Jones	2009	International Small Business Journal
Naudé	2009	Journal of Chinese Economic and Foreign Trade Studies
O'Cass, Weerawardena	2009	European Journal of Marketing
Óladóttir	2009	Management International Review
Osarenkhoe	2009	Business Process Management Journal
Perks	2009	International Journal of Entrepreneurship
Pykalainen, Ojala	2009	Management Research News
Ruokonen, Saarenketo	2009	European Business Review
Schulz, Borghoff, Kraus	2009	Journal of International Business & Economics
Schwens, Kabst	2009	International Business Review
Schwens, Kabst	2009	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Spence, Crick	2009	Qualitative Market Research: An International Journal
Terjesen, Hessels	2009	Asia Pacific Journal of Management
Tolstoy	2009	Journal of Small Business Management
Welch C., Welch L.	2009	International Business Review
Zahra, Ucbasaran, Newey	2009	European Management Review
Zhang, Tansuhaj, McCullough	2009	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Abdul-Aziz, Wong	2010	Construction Management & Economics
Amal, Rocha Freitag Filho	2010	European Business Review
Bruneel, Yli-Renko, Clarysse	2010	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
Butler, Doktor, Lins	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Carr, Haggard, Hmieleski, Zahra	2010	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
Casillas, Moreno, Acedo	2010	Global Management Journal
Chandra, Coviello	2010	Journal of World Business
Dib, Rocha, Silva	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Dimitratos, Plakoyiannaki, Pitsoulaki, Tüselmann	2010	International Business Review
Evers	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Fernhaber, Li	2010	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Freeman, Hutchings, Lazaris, Zyngier	2010	International Business Review



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Geh	2010	Journal of Enterprising Culture
Hughes, Martin, Morgan, Robson	2010	Journal of International Marketing
Kaarna	2010	Economics & Management
Khavul, Benson, Datta	2010	Human Resource Management
Khavul, Pérez-Nordtvedt, Wood	2010	Journal of Business Venturing
Khavul, Peterson, Mullens, Rasheed	2010	Journal of International Marketing
Kiss, Danis	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Lee	2010	Multinational Business Review
Lu, Zhou, Bruton, Li	2010	International Journal of Business Studies
Manolova, Manev, Gyoshev	2010	Journal of World Business
Nasra, Dacin	2010	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Naudé, Rossouw	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Onetti, Talaia, Odorici, Presutti, Verma	2010	Journal of Strategic Management Education
Prashantham, Dhanaraj	2010	Journal of Management Studies
Rialp-Criado, Galvan-Sanchez, Suarez-Ortega	2010	European Management Journal
Santos-Álvarez, García-Merino	2010	International Journal of Information Management
Schweizer, Vahlne, Johanson	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Sommer	2010	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Szyliowicz, Galvin	2010	International Business Review
Tolstoy	2010	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
Tolstoy	2010	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Tolstoy, Agndal	2010	Technovation
Turcan, Mäkelä, Sorensen, Rönkkö	2010	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
Zhou, Barnes, Lu	2010	International Journal of Business Studies
Zou, Ghauri	2010	International Marketing Review
Andersson	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Autio, George, Alexy	2011	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Baum, Schwens, Kabst	2011	Journal of Small Business Management
Bhardwaj, Eickman, Runyan	2011	International Review of Retail
Braymen, Briggs, Boulware	2011	Southern Economics Journal
Chang, Rhee	2011	International Journal of Business Studies
Coviello, McDougall, Oviatt	2011	Journal of Business Venturing
Ellis	2011	Journal of International Business Studies
Evald, Klyver, Christensen	2011	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Evers	2011	Irish Journal of Management
Evers	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Evers, O'Gorman	2011	Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Fletcher, Prashantham	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Gabrielsson M., Gabrielsson P.	2011	International Business Review
Hagen, Zucchella	2011	International Journal of Management Cases
Hashai	2011	International Journal of Business Studies



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Hermel, Khayat	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Hessels, Stel	2011	Small Business Economics
Hewapathirana	2011	Journal of Asia Business Studies
Ibeh, Kasem	2011	Industrial Marketing Management
Javalgi, Todd	2011	Journal of Business Research
Joardar, Wu	2011	Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences
Jones, Coviello, Tang	2011	Journal of Business Venturing
Kenny, Fahy	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Kim, Basu, Naidu, Cavusgil	2011	Journal of Business Research
Kontinen, Ojala	2011	Journal of Small Business Management
Kontinen, Ojala	2011	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Kontinen, Ojala	2011	International Business Review
Kyvik	2011	International Journal of Technology Transfer Commercialisation
Liesch, Welch, Buckley	2011	Management International Review
Lisboa, Skarmeas, Lages	2011	Industrial Marketing Management
Liu, Fu	2011	International Journal of Business & Management
Liu, Li, Xue	2011	Journal of World Business
Loane, Bell	2011	Advances in International Marketing
Mainela, Pernu, Puhakka	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Mets, Kelli	2011	Management of Organizations: Systematic Research
Miocevic, Crnjak-Karanovic	2011	Journal of Small Business Management
Nadkarni, Herrmann, Perez	2011	Strategic Management Journal
Naudé, Matthee	2011	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Nofsinger, Wang	2011	Journal of Banking & Finance
O'Gorman, Evers	2011	International Marketing Review
Prashantham, Young	2011	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Ramos, Acedo, Gonzalez	2011	Technovation
Rasmussen, Jensen, Servais	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Reuber, Fischer	2011	Journal of Business Venturing
Ripollés, Blesa, Monferrer	2011	International Journal of Technology Transfer Commercialisation
Sainio, Saarenketo, Nummela, Erikesson	2011	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
Santos, García	2011	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Schueffel, Amann, Herbolzheimerdagger	2011	Multinational Business Review
Schwens, Kabst	2011	International Business Review
Schwens, Kabst	2011	Schmalenbach Business Review
Slevin, Terjesen	2011	Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice
Smolarski, Kut	2011	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
Sommer, Haug	2011	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
Spence, Orser, Riding	2011	Management International Review



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Tayauova	2011	Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences
Troilo	2011	Economic Systems
Turcan	2011	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Varma	2011	International Journal of Emerging Markets
Vasilichenko, Morrish	2011	Journal of International Marketing
Voudouris, Dimitratos, Salavou	2011	International Small Business Journal
Williams, Lee	2011	Journal of World Business
Wood, Khavul, Perez-Nordtvedt, Prakhya, Dabrowski, Zheng	2011	Journal of Small Business Management
Yan, Panteli	2011	New Technology
Yu, Gilbert, Oviatt	2011	Strategic Management Journal
Zahra, Abdelgawad, Tsang	2011	Journal of Management Inquiry
Aspelund, Moen	2012	Journal of Management Governance
Bangara, Freeman, Schroder	2012	Journal of World Business
Bingham, Davis	2012	Academy of Management journal
Bjørnåli, Aspelund	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Casillas, Moreno, Acedo	2012	International Business Review
Cesinger, Fink, Madsen, Kraus	2012	Management Decision
Cesinger, Kraus	2012	International Journal of Business Research
Chandra, Styles, Wilkinson	2012	Journal of International Marketing
Chen	2012	Thunderbird International Business Review
Coeurderoy, Cowling, Licht, Murray	2012	International Small Business Journal
Cunningham, Loane, Ibbotson	2012	Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development
De Clercq, Sapienza, Yavuz, Zhou	2012	Journal of Business Venturing
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Felício, Caldeirinha, Rodrigues	2012	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
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Khalid, Larimo	2012	International Business Review
Khanin, Ogilvie, Leibsohn	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Khavul, Prater, Swafford	2012	International Journal of Operations and Production Management
Kiss, Danis, Cavusgil	2012	Journal of Business Venturing
Kuivalainen, Saarenketo, Puumalainen	2012	European Management Journal
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Lesage, Ronteau	2012	International Business Research
Li, Qian, Qian	2012	International Marketing Review
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Menorca, Fernández-Ortiz, Emeterio	2012	International Journal of Management & Marketing Research
Park, Rhee	2012	Management Decision
Peiris, Akoorie	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Pettersen, Tobiassen	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Prashantham, Floyd	2012	Journal of International Business Studies
Rasmussen, Madsen, Servais	2012	Journal of Management Governance
Ripollés, Blesa	2012	Journal of World Business
Ripollés, Blesa, Monferrer	2012	International Business Review
Robson, Akuetteh, Westhead, Wright	2012	International Small Business Journal
Roudini, Osman, Mohd	2012	I-Business
Sass	2012	Post-Communist Economies
Sciascia, Mazzola, Astrachan, Pieper	2012	Small Business Economics
Shirokova, McDougall	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Sigfusson, Harris	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Soininen, Puumalainen, Sjogren, Syrjä	2012	Management Research Review
Sui, Yu, Baum	2012	International Marketing Review
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Torkkeli, Puumalainen, Saarenketo, Kuivalainen	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Turcan	2012	International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business
Zain, Ng, Kassim	2012	The Business Review
Zheng, Khavul, Crockett	2012	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Zhou, Wu	2012	Journal of International Marketing
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Covin, Miller	2013	Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice
Efrat, Shoham	2013	International Marketing Review
Fernhaber	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Fernhaber, Li	2013	Journal of Business Venturing
Freeman, Deligonul, Cavusgil	2013	International Marketing Review
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Gil-Pechuan, Exposito-Langa, Tomas-Miquel	2013	International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal
Glavas, Mathews	2013	International Business Review
Hakala	2013	Baltic Journal of Management
Hallbäck, Gabrielsson	2013	International Business Review
Hewerdine, Welch	2013	Journal of World Business
Humphery-Jenner, Suchard	2013	Journal of International Business Studies
Kahiya	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Ketkar, Acs	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Kiss, Williams, Houghton	2013	International Business Review
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Laurell, Andersson, Achtenhagen	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Li	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Li, Qian, Qian	2013	Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice
LiPuma, Newbert, Doh	2013	Small Business Economics
LiPuma, Park	2013	Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice
Madsen	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Nkongolo-Bakenda, Chrysostome	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Odorici, Presutti	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Pathak, Xavier-Oliveira, Laplume	2013	Journal of Business Research
Sarasvathy, Kumar, York, Bhagavatula	2013	Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice
Sepulveda, Gabrielsson	2013	Industrial Marketing Management
Sigfusson, Chetty	2013	Journal of World Business
Sigfusson, Harris	2013	International Business Review
Sinkovics, Sinkovics, Jean	2013	International Marketing Review
Taylor, Jack	2013	International Small Business Journal
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Volchek, Jantunen, Saarenketo	2013	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
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Alvarez, Barney	2014	Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice
Andersen, Rask	2014	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Baronchelli, Cassia	2014	International Entrepreneurship Management Journal
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Cannone, Ughetto	2014	International Business Review
Casillas, Moreno-Menéndez	2014	Journal of International Business Studies
Chandra Balodi, Prabhu	2014	International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research
Chetty, Johanson, Martín Martín	2014	Journal of World Business
Child, Hsieh	2014	Journal of World Business
Ciravegna, Lopez, Kundu	2014	Journal of Business Research
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Colovic, Lamotte	2014	European Business Review
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Dai, Maksimov, Gilbert, Fernhaber	2014	Journal of Business Venturing
De Clercq, Sapienza, Zhou	2014	International Business Review
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Naldi, Davidsson	2014	Journal of Business Venturing
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Paul, Gupta	2014	International Business Review
Puig, González-Loureiro, Ghauri	2014	Management International Review
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Sleuwaegen, Onkelinx	2014	Journal of Business Venturing
Sui, Baum	2014	Journal of International Business Studies
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Teixeira, Coimbra	2014	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
Tolstoy	2014	International Small Business Journal
Trudgen, Freeman	2014	Management International Review
Turcan, Juho	2014	Journal of International Entrepreneurship
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Cannone, Ughetto	2015	European Business Review
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