

Bibliometric Exploration of Publication Development in Entrepreneurship Education

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ABSTRACT

This research presents a bibliometric exploration of publication development in entrepreneurship education, aiming to elucidate trends, research focuses, and emerging opportunities within the field. Entrepreneurship education has gained prominence as a crucial discipline in academia and practice, reflecting the growing recognition of entrepreneurship's role in economic and societal advancement. Through bibliometric analysis techniques, including citation analysis, keyword analysis, and visualization methods, a comprehensive examination of scholarly publications related to entrepreneurship education from 1977 to 2023 was conducted. The findings offer insights into publication metrics, such as citation counts, author productivity, and impact indices, providing a nuanced understanding of the scholarly landscape. Visualization of term networks and trends revealed dominant research themes, evolving concepts, and potential research directions within entrepreneurship education. Practical implications derived from this study inform educators, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders about curriculum design, policy formulation, and program implementation strategies to foster collaboration, innovation, and excellence in entrepreneurship education research and practice.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Entrepreneurship education has emerged as a pivotal field in both academic discourse and practical application, reflecting the growing recognition of entrepreneurship as a key driver of economic growth and societal advancement. As entrepreneurship continues to garner attention worldwide, understanding the trends and dynamics

within entrepreneurship education becomes imperative for educators, policymakers, and practitioners alike. This research endeavors to delve into the evolution and current state of publication development in entrepreneurship education through a bibliometric exploration.

The landscape of entrepreneurship education has undergone significant transformations in recent decades, mirroring

the evolving nature of entrepreneurship itself. Traditional approaches to education have expanded to encompass interdisciplinary perspectives, experiential learning, and innovative pedagogical methods tailored to nurture entrepreneurial mindsets and skills. Concurrently, the scholarly discourse surrounding entrepreneurship education has proliferated, with a myriad of research studies, theories, and practices emerging from diverse academic domains.

Despite the burgeoning interest in entrepreneurship education, there remains a need for comprehensive insights into the scholarly output within this domain. Understanding the patterns of publication development, including prolific authors, influential journals, prevalent topics, and evolving methodologies, is fundamental for identifying gaps, assessing progress, and guiding future research endeavors. Such insights not only contribute to the academic discourse but also inform curriculum development, policy formulation, and practical implementation of entrepreneurship education initiatives.

This research aims to conduct a bibliometric exploration of publication development in entrepreneurship education, with the following objectives: (1) Identify key trends in research related to Publication Development in Entrepreneurship Education, (2) Analyze the dominant research focus and developments in related scientific literature, (3) Identify emerging and interesting research opportunities to research in the future, (4) Identify the main publications that have the greatest impact on the development of research and science in this field.

By undertaking a comprehensive bibliometric analysis, this research endeavors to provide valuable insights into the evolving landscape of entrepreneurship education scholarship. The findings generated will not only enhance our understanding of publication trends but also inform strategic decisions regarding research priorities, curriculum design, and policy formulation. Moreover, by shedding light on the contributions of various stakeholders and the

dissemination channels shaping the discourse, this study aims to foster collaboration, innovation, and excellence in entrepreneurship education research and practice.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Entrepreneurship education is a specialized field that equips individuals with the knowledge, skills, and mindset necessary to identify opportunities, take calculated risks, and create and manage successful businesses. It encompasses a wide range of subjects, including business planning, marketing, finance, and leadership, and often emphasizes hands-on learning through real-world projects and experiences. Entrepreneurship education aims to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, preparing students to navigate the challenges of starting and growing a business [1]–[4]. By instilling an entrepreneurial mindset and providing practical tools and resources, this form of education empowers individuals to pursue their innovative ideas and contribute to economic growth and societal development.

Publication development in entrepreneurship education refers to the process of creating and disseminating educational materials related to entrepreneurship. This can include textbooks, case studies, articles, and other resources that are designed to help students learn about the principles and practices of entrepreneurship. The development of these materials typically involves collaboration between educators, researchers, and industry experts, who work together to create content that is relevant, engaging, and informative. The goal of publication development in entrepreneurship education is to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed as entrepreneurs, and to support the growth and development of the broader entrepreneurial ecosystem [5]–[8]. By creating high-quality educational materials, entrepreneurship educators can help to inspire and empower the next generation of entrepreneurs, and to

drive innovation and economic growth in communities around the world.

3. METHODS

This study employs a bibliometric approach to analyze publication development in entrepreneurship education. Utilizing established bibliometric techniques, including citation analysis and keyword analysis, a comprehensive dataset of scholarly publications related to entrepreneurship education will be compiled from leading academic databases such as Web of Science and Scopus. The dataset will encompass a defined time period (1977-2023), ensuring a focused examination of recent trends and

developments in the field. VOSviewer software will be utilized to visualize and analyze bibliographic data, enabling the identification of research trends over years, prevalent themes, and potential topics within entrepreneurship education research. By leveraging bibliometric analysis, this study aims to provide a systematic and rigorous examination of publication patterns, thereby offering valuable insights into the scholarly landscape of entrepreneurship education.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Metadata of Literature

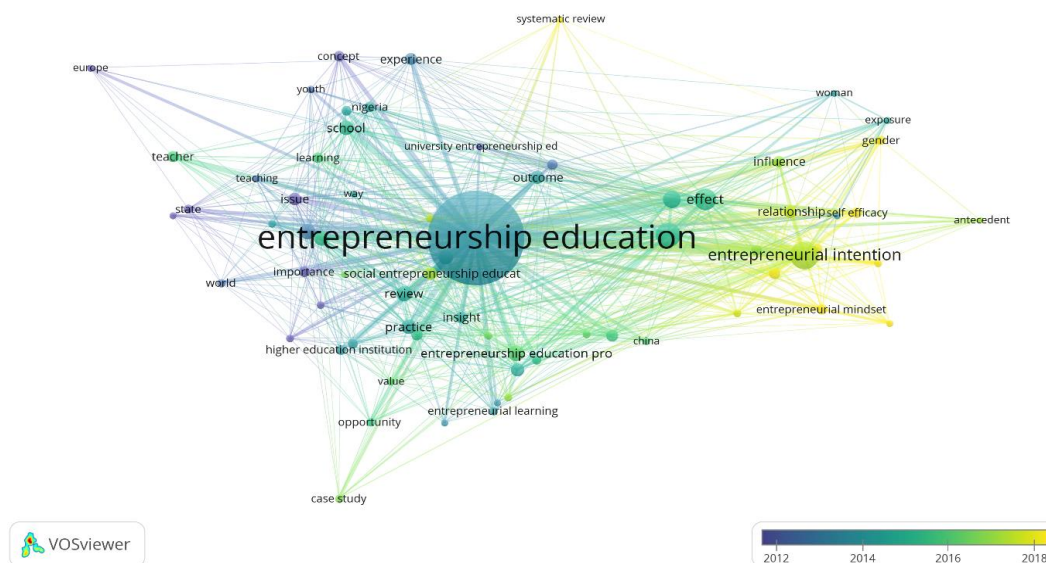
Table 1. Citation Metrics

Publication years:	1977-2023
Citation years:	47 (1977-2023)
Papers:	980
Citations:	161970
Cites/year:	3446.17
Cites/paper:	165.28
Cites/author:	89036
Papers/author:	520.24
Author/paper:	2.42
h-index:	193
g-index:	362
hI,norm:	138
hI,annual	24.94
hA-index	55
Papers with ACC \geq	1,2,5,10,20:
	979,353,749,462,220

The table provides bibliometric metrics summarizing the scholarly output and impact of publications in entrepreneurship education from 1977 to 2023. A total of 980 papers were identified, accumulating 161,970 citations over the 47-year period, resulting in an average of approximately 3,446 citations per year. On average, each paper received 165 citations, while each author garnered 89,036 citations. The average number of papers per author was 520.24, with an author-to-paper ratio of 2.42. The h-index, a measure of the productivity and impact of publications, stood at 193, indicating that 193 papers had at least 193 citations each. The g-index, an alternative

measure accounting for highly cited papers, was 362. The hI,norm, representing the h-index normalized to the number of publication years, was 138, suggesting a robust and sustained impact over time. The hI,annual, a yearly variant of the h-index, was 24.94, providing insight into the annual impact of publications. Additionally, the hA-index, focusing on the most cited papers and authors, was 55. Furthermore, the table presents the distribution of papers meeting various citation thresholds (ACC), indicating the prevalence of highly cited works within different citation brackets (1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 citations).

4.2 Visualization of Term



To interpret research trends over time from this visualization, one would typically look at the colors of the nodes (representing terms or concepts) and links (representing the strength of the association between terms) in correlation with the timeline provided:

1. Nodes with colors closer to the start of the color gradient (left side, often cooler colors like blue) represent terms that were more prominent in the earlier years of the dataset.
2. Nodes with colors closer to the end of the color gradient (right side, often warmer colors like yellow or red) represent terms that have become more prominent in the more recent years of the dataset.

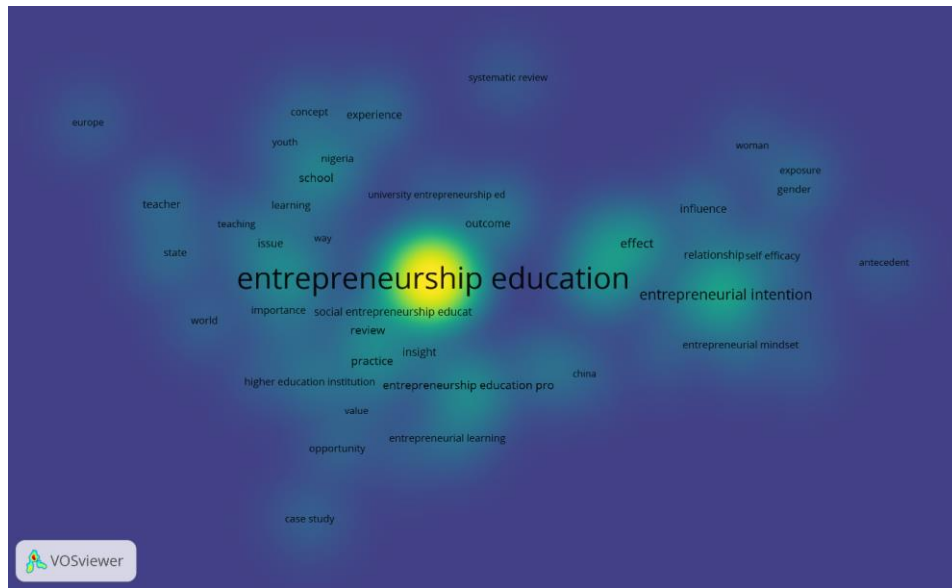
Looking at the image, some general observations about research trends can be identified:

1. The central term "entrepreneurship education" is colored in a bright

green, which, according to the gradient scale, appears to represent a time in the middle of the period covered by the dataset. This suggests that the concept has been a consistent focus over a significant portion of the time period analyzed.

2. The term "entrepreneurial mindset," highlighted in purple at the right edge of the network, is associated with a color toward the warmer end of the gradient. This indicates that this term has gained prominence in more recent years.
3. The distribution of colors among the nodes surrounding "entrepreneurship education" suggests that various aspects of this topic have evolved over time, with some areas emerging more recently (those in yellow) and others being more established (those in green).

4.4 Potential Research Topics



In a density visualization, areas with a higher concentration of terms are typically brighter, indicating a larger number of documents or citations associated with those terms. Conversely, areas with less light indicate fewer documents or citations, suggesting potential research topics that are less developed or emerging. These darker areas can be of interest for identifying gaps in the literature or new research opportunities.

1. Central and Bright Areas: These are often the most discussed topics within the field, with a high concentration of research. In your image, "entrepreneurship education" is clearly the central and most researched topic.
2. Surrounding Bright Areas: Close to the central topic, terms like "university entrepreneurship ed", "outcome", "effect", "relationship self efficacy", "entrepreneurial intention", and "entrepreneurial mindset" are

quite prominent, suggesting they are well-established areas of research within the broader theme.

3. Darker Areas: The areas that are less bright, and therefore possibly less saturated with research, can indicate potential topics that might be emerging or underrepresented in the literature. These could represent gaps or opportunities for new research within the field.
4. Peripheral Terms: Keywords on the periphery of the visualization, especially those in darker areas, can indicate specialized or emerging topics. For example, terms like "case study", "value", "opportunity", and "entrepreneurial learning" appear to be less central but still significant, suggesting they could be of interest for new research within the domain of entrepreneurship education.

4.5 Citation Analysis

Table 2. Top Ten

Citation	Author and Year	Title
4019	[9]	The emergence of entrepreneurship education: Development, trends, and challenges
3060	[10]	Gender, entrepreneurial self–efficacy, and entrepreneurial career intentions: Implications for entrepreneurship education
2383	[11]	The impact of entrepreneurship education on entrepreneurship skills and motivation
2318	[12]	Entrepreneurship education: A systematic review of the evidence

2238	[13]	The chronology and intellectual trajectory of American entrepreneurship education: 1876–1999
2201	[14]	The relationship between entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurial intentions: A meta-analytic review
2200	[15]	Assessing the impact of entrepreneurship education programmes: a new methodology
1970	[16]	Examining the formation of human capital in entrepreneurship: A meta-analysis of entrepreneurship education outcomes
1940	[17]	Entrepreneurship education: known worlds and new frontiers
1918	[18]	Some research perspectives on entrepreneurship education, enterprise education and education for small business management: a ten-year literature review

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The table appears to list various academic articles or research papers related to entrepreneurship education, covering topics such as its emergence, impact, trends, and challenges. Several papers focus on specific aspects such as gender differences in entrepreneurial self-efficacy, the relationship between entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurial intentions, and the impact of such education on skills and motivation. Other articles delve into the historical trajectory of entrepreneurship education, its intellectual development, and methodologies for assessing its effectiveness. Overall, the table reflects a broad range of scholarly inquiry into entrepreneurship education, encompassing systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and literature reviews to provide comprehensive insights into this field.

Practical Implication

The comprehensive bibliometric analysis conducted in this research offers valuable practical implications for various stakeholders involved in entrepreneurship education. Firstly, educators and curriculum developers can use the insights gained to tailor their programs to current trends and emerging topics within the field, ensuring that students receive the most relevant and up-to-date training. Policymakers can utilize the findings to inform decisions regarding

funding allocation, program development, and regulatory frameworks aimed at promoting entrepreneurship education initiatives. Additionally, practitioners and industry professionals can leverage the research trends to align their support services, mentorship programs, and investment strategies with the evolving needs of aspiring entrepreneurs. Overall, the practical implications of this study extend beyond academia, offering actionable insights to drive innovation, collaboration, and excellence in entrepreneurship education and practice.

5. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study has undertaken a comprehensive bibliometric exploration of publication development in entrepreneurship education, shedding light on key trends, dominant research focuses, and emerging opportunities within the field. Through the analysis of bibliometric metrics, visualization of term networks and trends, and examination of citation patterns, this research has provided valuable insights into the evolving scholarly landscape of entrepreneurship education. The findings highlight the robustness and impact of publications in this domain, underscoring the significance of entrepreneurship education as a pivotal field in both academic discourse and practical application. By identifying prominent themes, influential authors, and emerging research areas, this study not only contributes to the academic understanding of entrepreneurship education but also offers

practical implications for educators, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders. Moving forward, leveraging these insights can inform strategic decisions regarding curriculum design, policy

formulation, and program implementation, ultimately fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in entrepreneurship education research and practice.

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