Social Entrepreneurship 'National Expert' in our own backyard!

Jo Barraket, Associate Professor in the QUT Business School, was acknowledged as a national expert on social entrepreneurship by the OECD and consequently invited to provide expert services and an address to them in Trento, Italy on the role of the social economy and social entrepreneurship in job creation. As a result of this work, Australia was included in comparative research on the issue undertaken by the OECD. Follow this link to the report and short video interviews.

Congratulations to Dr Scott Gordon

ACE Research Fellow Scott R. Gordon received a QUT Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Awards for his thesis "Dimensions of the venture creation process: Amount, dynamics, and sequences of action in nascent entrepreneurship", which was completed in 2012. Gordon’s research question is “Why are some venture creation attempts successful while others are not?” To address this question he uses data from the CAUSEE project. In the most original part of the thesis he applies true process perspective, examining whether the specific order in which a venture creation process is executed affects the outcomes of the process. To read more click here. The full thesis is available here. We congratulate Scott on this fine achievement!

Below: Dr.Scott Gordon (second from right) celebrates this prestigious award with his ACE colleagues.

New Perspectives on Firm Growth

ACE Director Per Davidsson has published a new book, New Perspectives on Firm Growth, together with Professor Johan Wiklund of Syracuse University, USA. The issue of how firm growth is achieved and managed, and what consequences it has for different stakeholders is both theoretically interesting and practically important. The book contains a series of studies that extend previous research by providing stronger theoretical underpinnings and using longitudinal databases that can separate in time the firms’ growth from its presumed causes. Read more...

Workshops, seminars and presentations

ACE is an active, international research environment. One expression of this is the ACE research seminar series. So far this year we have had five research seminars with presenters from France, Germany, Slovenia, Sweden, and the USA. For more info on these seminars and more visit ACE events

ACE Researcher, Associate Professor Roxanne Zolin, initiated and continues to facilitate community workshops for entrepreneurs with a refugee background. This business club assists in preparing to start a new business in Australian and what opportunity might be available. During the month of May Roxanne will also present at a special event organised by the Somerset Region Business Alliance, to encourage Entrepreneurship in the Somerset region.

Does firm location make a difference to the export performance of SME's?

This series of research vignette is aimed at sharing current and interesting research findings from our team of international Entrepreneurship researchers. This vignette – 'Does firm location make a difference to the export performance of SME's?', based on a research article from 2011 by Styles and Lawley, deals with export capacity of Australian SMEs. This collected data from an expert panel of government trade advisors, as well as managers of SME exporters in regional and metropolitan areas in Queensland.

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