Exploring the most influential papers in Vietnam's entrepreneurship in the past ten years

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This short explorative article looks at the list of papers on Vietnam's entrepreneurship in the past ten years.

The study used Google Scholar and the number of citations to determine the influential papers. "Vietnam's entrepreneurship," "Vietnam entrepreneurship," "Vietnamese entrepreneurship" are searched keywords. The results are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Most cited papers from the Google Scholar database

Paper	Year	Citations (as of 14-01-2021)	Note
The factors affecting entrepreneurial intention of the students of Vietnam national university—a mediation analysis of perception toward entrepreneurship	2016	154	[1]
Transnational entrepreneurship amongst Vietnamese businesses in London	2015	70	[2]
Female entrepreneurship in rural Vietnam: an exploratory study	2014	61	[3]
Social capital and female entrepreneurship in rural regions: Evidence from Vietnam	2012	59	[4]
Capital constraints and the performance of entrepreneurial firms in Vietnam	2014	58	[5]
The entrepreneurial facets as precursor to Vietnam's economic renovation in 1986	2011	55	[6]

Impacts of geographical locations and sociocultural traits on the Vietnamese entrepreneurship	2015	52	[7]
Woman entrepreneurship in rural Vietnam: Success and motivational factors	2015	48	[8]
Vietnam in transition: SMEs and the necessitating environment for entrepreneurship development	2015	43	[9]
The relationship between perceived access to finance and social entrepreneurship intentions among university students in Vietnam	2018	32	[10]
Household entrepreneurship and social networks: Panel data evidence from Vietnam	2018	31	[11]
Computational entrepreneurship: From economic complexities to interdisciplinary research	2019	31	[12]
It takes two to tango: Entrepreneurship and creativity in troubled times—Vietnam 2012	2012	25	[13]
Female entrepreneurship: evidence from Vietnam	2015	24	[14]
Factors affecting entrepreneurial intentions among youths in Vietnam	2019	24	[15]
Explaining micro entrepreneurship in rural Vietnam—a multilevel analysis	2018	20	[16]
Entrepreneurship and creativity in transition turmoil: the case of Vietnam	2013	14	[17]

Previous studies suggested there are not many papers on Vietnam's entrepreneurship [18, 19]. However, the fields have started to attract more attention because of the stable development of Vietnam [20]. From a small number of only 349,000 small-and-medium enterprises (SMEs), approximately 600,000 SMEs have been active in 2018 [22]. The SMEs contributed up to 40% of Vietnam's GDP, which is expected to surpass US\$1000 billion, PPP-adjusted, soon.

Thus, despite certain shortcomings, such as the lack of focus on cultural aspects, entrepreneurship research has expanded its influence on essential topics: gender, student' entrepreneurial intentions, or creativity. In Table 1, there are four articles discussing the role of entrepreneurship to women [3, 4, 8, 14]. Meanwhile, a paper on factors affecting the entrepreneurial intention of Vietnamese students is the most cited paper in the field [1]. In the future, the role of entrepreneurship in fostering environmentally friendly awareness and biodiversity conservation [23].

Notably, 64% of the papers in Table 1 were published in the latter half of the last decade. Evidently, a paper that was published in 2019 [12] has gained significant momentum. The high percentage of papers from 2015 onward suggested entrepreneurship research is just getting warmed up. Amidst the

uncertainty of a post-COVID-19 era, the role of entrepreneurship will be more important to the society.

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