



# FROM FAMILY ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO FAMILY ENTREPRENEURING

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The Chair Family Entrepreneurship and Society of Audencia Business School and the Group Entrepreneurship Society Transformations of University of Quebec in Montréal invite you to the 3rd Paper Development Workshop Series in Family Entrepreneurship

## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP SERIES

**Audencia Business School** hosts an annual Paper Development Workshop on family entrepreneurship, and the school is among the international leaders in this emerging area of scholarship. [The Chair Family Entrepreneurship and Society](#) launched this Paper Development Series in Family Entrepreneurship in 2017. After a first edition on ‘Family entrepreneurship writing workshop’ (2017) and a second edition on ‘Theorizing family entrepreneurship’ (2018), we are happy to announce the third edition of this series of research workshops organized in collaboration with the Group Entrepreneurship Society Transformations of University of Quebec in Montréal (GEST ESG UQAM), at Montréal, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.

**GEST** is a research center of the University of Québec in Montréal’ School of Management ([ESG UQAM](#)) which addresses entrepreneurial practices, identities and discourses in marginalized contexts and for minorized people. It aims at participating to a change for a new inclusive and fruitful relation between entrepreneurship and social transformations and then addressing the dark side of entrepreneurial practices. The GEST members challenge theoretical assumptions and consider entrepreneuring in a process perspective.

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**TOPIC OF THE 2020 PAPER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

For several decades, the fields of entrepreneurship and family business developed as separate knowledge domains (Holt, Pearson, Payne, & Sharma, 2018; Zahra & Sharma, 2004). Recently, the field of family entrepreneurship (Neubaum, 2018; Payne, 2018; Short, Sharma, Lumpkin, & Pearson, 2016) emerged at the intersection of family, entrepreneurship, and family business. While there has been an increasing interest in combining the distinct academic fields of entrepreneurship and family business (Aldrich & Cliff, 2003; Anderson, Jack & Drakopoulou Dodd, 2005), the early stages of creation of family businesses in entrepreneurial families (Alsos, Carter & Ljunggren 2014) and the emergence of entrepreneurial behaviours, identities and projects in the context of family businesses are underdeveloped areas of inquiry.

We would like to invite the authors interested in submitting to the **special issue « From Family Entrepreneurship to Family Entrepreneurship » of the *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior and Research* (to be confirmed)** to present their work-in-progress to the **Guest editors - Miruna Radu-Lefebvre, Olivier Germain and William B. Gartner** during the Paper Development Workshop which will take place on May 4-5 2020 in Montréal, Canada. The special issue and the Paper Development Workshop aim to draw attention to the *emergence and becoming* of family businesses and the *actualizing* of entrepreneurial behaviours, identities and projects in already existing family businesses.

For this Paper Development Workshop, we call for papers addressing the topic of family entrepreneurship with a focus on processes and practices relative to how business family members, couples and families *do* entrepreneurship. Steyaert (2007, p. 453) coined the notion of entrepreneurship to call for more processual inquiries in the field of entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurship is a processual, material, and relational phenomenon (Champenois, Lefebvre, & Ronteau, 2019; Hjorth, 2014; Hjorth & Reay, 2018) leading to the creation of new organizations (Gartner, 1993; Johannisson, 2011). We recognize that “familiness” does not always pre-exist entrepreneurial practices but also emerges through the process of entrepreneurship. We call for more processual inquiries in the field of family entrepreneurship, within an ontology of becoming (Chia, 1995). We think that this perspective of combining entrepreneurship and family business is unexplored and requires further theoretical and empirical explorations.

**Indicative list of anticipated (but not exclusive) topics :**

- ⊕ How processes and practices of entrepreneurship occur in the context of enterprising families and family businesses?
- ⊕ What are the tensions arising between what already exists and the emergence of newness in the context of enterprising families and family firms?
- ⊕ How the various kinds of processual approaches in entrepreneurship (see Steyaert, 2007) can highlight various dimensions of family entrepreneurship?
- ⊕ How the familiness emerges – as a family becoming – through the entrepreneurship process rather than pre-exists the organization creation in a non-reified perspective?
- ⊕ What are the sub-processes and practices involved in family entrepreneurship? How to deal with the complexity of possible intersections of multiple sub-processes and multiple practices in the succession process (succeeding) and family entrepreneurship?
- ⊕ Which practices and processes are at work to maintain the familiness of organizations in the unstable flow of action(s)?
- ⊕ From a methodological perspective, how to study and write about family entrepreneurship?
- ⊕ How should multiple cultural, social and economic contexts be accounted for and included in the study of family entrepreneurship?
- ⊕ How the various anthropological approaches of family forms (e.g., monoparental families, LGBTQ+ families, etc.) are embedded in practices and processes of entrepreneurship?
- ⊕ How do the processes of entrepreneurship intersect with the doing of gender in enterprising families?
- ⊕ How doing (social) identity work within family businesses can be understood as an entrepreneurship process and practice within an ontology of becoming (and relating)?
- ⊕ How can we study, problematize and challenge family entrepreneurship in a critical perspective?

**STRUCTURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

The Paper Development Workshop will be held in Montréal over two full days, May 4-5, 2020. The workshop will include keynote lectures, reading workshops and paper development sessions.

**ABSTRACT/PAPER SUBMISSION**

Please note that the aim of this Paper Development Workshop is to enable authors improve their manuscripts before submission to the special issue but also to discuss emerging ideas and research projects. As a consequence, two types of Abstracts can be submitted to the workshop :

- **Extended Abstracts of 3000 words** (including references and appendices) presenting the purpose of the paper, the theoretical background, the research gap, the methodological approach (in empirical papers), the main findings and expected contributions.
- **Short Abstracts of 1500 words** (including references and appendices) presenting the research topic, a tentative theoretical background and research gap, and the (collected or to be collected) empirical material.

All those are interested to attend the workshop should submit either an extended or a short abstract by **February 15, 2020** to [mradu@audencia.com](mailto:mradu@audencia.com). Authors will be **notified of acceptance or otherwise by March 1st, 2020**. Full working papers of about 10-15 pages are due for April 4, 2020 for the authors who would like to receive a written feedback from the Guest editors.

Participation to the Paper Development Workshop does not guarantee publication in the special issue and submission to the special issue is not restricted to Paper Development Workshop participants.

**Double track PDW**

The program comprises two different tracks. The Full Paper Track will enable those authors who already developed an advanced paper to discuss the paper in detail with the guest editors and the other participants. A Short Paper Track will give the opportunity to PhD students and other authors who recently began to develop research on family entrepreneuring or who plan to do so in the following months to further develop their work.

- **Full paper track**

The authors who submit a full paper before April 4<sup>th</sup> will be able to take part to the Full paper track. The Full paper track will include a detailed discussion of the paper by full paper track participants and written feedback from guest editors.

- **Short paper track**

The authors who will not be able to submit a full paper before April 4<sup>th</sup> will take part to the Short paper track. The short paper track will include discussion with the short paper track participants and oral feedback from guest editors.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**February 15, 2020:** Abstract submission deadline

**March 1st, 2020:** Notification of acceptance

**March 20, 2020:** inscription (*no registration fee*)

**April 4, 2020:** Full paper submission deadline (*optional*, connected to receiving written feedback from IJEBR Guest editors)

**May 4-5, 2020:** Paper Development Workshop

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