



Abstract

Tech startup is the new hope for sustaining economic growth and job creation in a knowledge-based economy all over the world. However, research on entrepreneurial ecosystem (EE) is always constructed upon macro-level analysis and is still very limited to developed world. This research tries to tackle those issues by exploring the connections within an EE in an emerging market context with micro and meso-level social network approach to unravel the content and pattern of networks of interaction between each stakeholder which constituted an EE. Based on 22 informants from startups, support organizations, and government officials, this research found that the content of interaction within the EE in emerging market differ greatly with EE in developed market and they produced two very different network patterns. This study contributes a conceptual framework to better understand the content and the output of the network of connections in an emerging market-based EE. This research helps to promote the importance of network to support entrepreneur's knowledge or skill attainment in order to sustain and accelerate tech startups growth within an EE.

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