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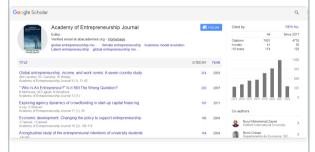
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With the attention of globalization, naturalism and how these benefit firms, we developed objectives of how measures of economic globalization-access to markets, trade deregulation and trade competition affect job creation (entrepreneurship development) in an environment that interacts with local constraints. We used the Analysis of Moment Structures (AMOS) to test this moderating effect, but could only establish a negative moderating effect of constraint and trade deregulation on job creation. We conclude that while access to markets and trade competition have nothing to do with local constraints on predicting job creation, trade deregulation does. For future directions, studies could be done on the bases of firm size, industry, and economic class.

**Keywords:** Entrepreneurship Development, Economic Globalisation, Emerging Economy.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Over the years, those in the academia and economists have waged raging battles of semantics in a bid to come to terms with what globalisation is, what it is not, who it benefits and who it does not. It is a subject of growing controversy, and there seems to be no consensus on the idea. The world is converging socially, politically and economically. As a result, globalisation could be defined based on social, political and economic interest exemplified economically as access to new markets, reduction in trade rules and regulations and the presence of trade competition (Alcala & Ciccone, 2004; Acemoglu, 2010; Alvaredo, et al., 2013; Nwokah & Adiele, 2015).

The concept of globalisation is no more a novel to economists and business managers. What is new and attractive is the zeal with which it has been embraced lately and the depth of relevance which it has assumed in modern capitalism. Globalisation since its introduction has increasingly gained currency as a strategic tool for nations' development and for growing world economy. Specifically, it has played a tremendous role in breaking the barriers which hitherto have constituted bottlenecks to international integration and free flow of goods and resources. At inception, globalisation was restricted to large corporations but this has changed in the last few years. It has now permeated all forms and sizes of businesses so that it is not just large corporations that have global focus but also, smaller firms are increasingly going global. There

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have a very important position in country's economic development. In the current trend of integration and globalization, all countries pay attention to supporting small and medium enterprises to mobilize maximum resources and to improve the competitiveness of products. However, SMEs are facing many problems such as human resources, Loans, technology capacity... This reality requires each SME to enhance its competitive capability in order to compete not only domestic but also foreign enterprises. Therefore, this study goal is to explore the determinants affecting the competitive capability of small and medium enterprises in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC). This study surveyed 400 managers related to SMEs and answered 23 questions but 395 samples processed. The data collected from November 2018 to March 2019 in HCMC. Simple random sampling technique. Cronbach's alpha and the exploratory factor analysis (EFA) analyzed and used for Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) technique. Finally, the findings of the study have five factors affecting the competitive capability of SMEs with significance level 0.01.

**Keywords:** Competitive, Capability, Small and Medium, Enterprises and SMEs.

#### INTRODUCTION

Small and medium-sized businesses play an important role in the national economy, Survey of the SME Association showed that SMEs contributing about 43.2% of GDP, 31% of exports, 29% of revenues to the state budget and creating jobs for more than 5 million workers. Although demonstrating the role of growth motivation of the economy, the reality of small and medium enterprises is still difficult, facing many challenges in competition and integration. Besides, SMEs still face difficulties and shortcomings such as finance capability; Human resources; technology capability; Marketing and Management capability. This makes SMEs have low competitiveness, low production and business efficiency, many difficulties and potential risks (Smit & Watkins 2012). The size of SMEs is small; the structure of the sector and the operation area of the SME sector are also unreasonable.

In addition, Vietnam Government has policies to support SME development, start-up, and issues of national competitiveness, innovation and business development that have also been mentioned consistently in the Party's guidelines and policies and laws of the State. However, in terms of renovation of the growth model, focusing on improving the quality of growth and competitiveness of each economic entity, the policy mechanism for the abovementioned types of enterprises is still inadequate and synchronized. Performance is still low;

# INCUBATION OF ENTREPRENEURS CONTRIBUTES TO BUSINESS GROWTH AND JOB CREATION: A BOTSWANA CASE STUDY

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In Botswana, a business incubator was established with the intention to develop and grow businesses as a way of fostering economic growth and job creation. The objective of this article was to determine if the coaching provided during incubation has an impact on the development of entrepreneurs, and if job creation resulted as a spin-off from the incubated firms. Qualitative research by means of interviews was conducted. The results showed that entrepreneurs are benefitting from the incubators and jobs were created in the process, but some fine tuning needs to be done.

**Keywords:** Entrepreneurs Development, Business Growth, Economic Growth, Business Incubators.

#### INTRODUCTION

Like other countries in Africa, Botswana had experienced significant economic growth since it gained independence. The success is attributed to a combination of a strong focus on peace, political stability and the effectivity of government to use mineral revenues towards the development of a not-only-mining economy (Hernández & Carrá, 2016). For this reason, there are a focus on entrepreneurship and the development of entrepreneurs through incubation.

The government of Botswana has thus the vision to grow their economy not only by mining related activities, but also through entrepreneurs. Koshy (2010) stated that the most significant benefit of a business incubator, as development instrument, is to increase the survival rate of entrepreneurs starting a business. Therefore, the Botswana government are allocating higher amounts of their budget towards entrepreneurship development and incubation. However, there are an 80% failure rate of entrepreneurs in the country (Temtime & Pansiri, 2004). This is not too high if you compare it to South Africa, who according to Fatoki (2014), have a start-up failure rate of up to 95% within the first five years of operations. Countries who thus want to foster their entrepreneurs, need effective and well-functioning incubators.

The economic slowdown that has been experienced since 2008, brought about some challenges such as unemployment, high levels of poverty and increasing inequality between rich and poor. The ability of the government to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality stays a challenge (Themba & Josiah, 2015). According to Dubihlela (2014), SMME's are expected to play a significant role in creating jobs and lower unemployment. One of the institutions that have been established to develop and promote entrepreneurs in Botswana is the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) whose mandate is to fund and promote

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