

# Preface

The purpose of the *Handbook of Entrepreneurship Research: An Interdisciplinary Survey and Introduction* is to provide a distinctive introduction to the field of entrepreneurship.

The first edition of the *Handbook of Entrepreneurship Research* was well received. Indeed, it far exceeded our expectations, resulting in the publication of a paperback edition in 2005. It served as a useful guide to researchers and scholars spanning a broad spectrum of academics in different disciplines and graduate students with an interest in entrepreneurship. The volume was an invaluable resource identifying state-of-the-art knowledge from research in entrepreneurship a decade ago.

The present volume updates the *Handbook* and documents the creation of the field of entrepreneurship in the first decade of the 21st century. The volume focuses on the theoretical aspects of the field and does not cover the many empirical contributions that appear elsewhere. It is a carefully crafted “roadmap” through the theoretical literature on entrepreneurship. Answers to many research questions can be found in the handbook. Our objective as in the first edition was to create a reader friendly but still, valuable resource for the entrepreneurship community.

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