Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Structure and Process

Throughout time ethnic populations have been fundamental in shaping the face of world business and economics. Recently there has been a heightened interest in understanding the true nature and scope of entrepreneurial activity among these ethnic groups. This volume provides a timely survey of the most critical aspects of ethnic entrepreneurship currently being discussed in the fields of entrepreneurship, sociology, and economics. Written by the top luminaries in the field, the articles presented here represent a combination of empirical research, theoretical insight and practical suggestions.

The volume examines a broad set of issues, including definitions of ethnicity, models of ethnic entrepreneurship, the role of social and human capital, the nature of aboriginal entrepreneurship, the impact of institutions and theology, theories of assimilation, minority youth education, and the access to financial capital.

Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Structure and Process contains fifteen seminal articles, beginning with Ivan Light’s comprehensive survey of the ethnic entrepreneurship sociology literature. The authors offer a diverse perspective, including entrepreneurship and strategy research, economics, sociology, and anthropology.

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