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Location, Location, Location: Exploring the role of 'place' in explaining entrepreneurs' behaviors

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ABSTRACT
Entrepreneurship activities have been linked to the potential of countries’ economic systems to create wealth and improve income distribution. For that reason, policymakers and scholars around the world have paid sustained attention to how entrepreneurship activity levels vary across countries and what might be the key factors explaining those differences. Previous research focused on this phenomenon has offered explanations that either stresses the role of individual features and predispositions or highlights the role of formal and informal elements of the national context where these activities are enacted. This project complements these past investigations by exploring whether the differences in entrepreneurship levels across countries might be explained, at least partially, by these entrepreneurs’ place in the world. The unfolding theoretical framework developed in this project is tested empirically by relying on a large dataset studying the decisions of potential entrepreneurs in 96 countries during the period 2001-2012. Possible implications for theory, practitioners and policymakers will be discussed.

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