

Propositions

Belonging to the PhD dissertation:

Valorizing Innovation through Imaginativeness in Business Venturing

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1. Innovation skills are not determined by our age, but by our psychosocial development. (*Chapter 1*)
2. Autonomy-oriented parenting is correlated with individuals who develop personal accountability, which potentially benefits their entrepreneurial endeavors. (*Chapter 1*)
3. Imaginativeness is important for entrepreneurial orientation, but it is entrepreneurial self-efficacy that predicts the actual performance. (*Chapter 1*)
4. Imaginativeness is a strong predictor for being able to see, perceive and evaluate opportunities. (*Chapter 2*)
5. Radical innovation is not achieved by mere financial investments or by luck. It is achieved by opportunity-driven innovators who use their vision to navigate institutional conditions and the innovation landscape. (*Chapter 3*)
6. The value of innovation is better measured by the lives that are improved in terms of health, happiness, or prosperity, rather than by the novelty, fame, or profits.
7. Our potential to innovate is bestowed upon us by birth and only realized when we work hard toward finding ourselves and our place in this society.
8. When paths diverge and reach into the unknown, people who strive for excellence will take novel paths.
9. Achieving excellence is a process where you unrelentingly keep chiseling at giant blocks of marble. One day people will recognize the beauty of your work.
10. Life will give you many failures. However, if you perceive them as temporary setbacks and keep moving forward, then eventually you will stumble upon success.
11. *“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”* – Henry David Thoreau