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Congratulations Faculty of Business and Management of Universiti Teknologi MARA Cawangan Kedah, Kampus Sungai Petani on the publication of the 6th Volume of FBM Insights!

I am very pleased to know that there are more than 40 authors and more emerging issues are being presented in this latest volume of FBM Insights. This portrays that UiTM Kedah Branch is actively involved in disseminating business related information and knowledge to the public.

I hope this bulletin can provide an opportunity for the Faculty of Business and Management staff to produce more academic materials and develop their skills in academic and creative writing. Furthermore, more initiatives should be launched to support this life-long process.

Again, well done to the Faculty of Business and Management and those who were involved directly and indirectly with the publishing of FBM Insights Vol.6. I wish FBM Insights all the best and continue to grow and move rapidly forward in the future.

Prof. Dr. Roshima Haji Said Rector Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah



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Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Welcome to the 6th Edition of FBM Insights 2022. This edition boasts 40 articles by the academics of Faculty of Business and Management UiTM Kedah Campus. The topics involved a broad range of business and management knowledge. Congratulations to all authors for your endless support and valuable contribution to the newsletter.

FBM Insights was mooted in 2020 and it came about with the intention to encourage and improve research writing activities among the lecturers of UiTM Kedah's Business and Management Faculty. As the editions progressed, the support from the academics has not faltered. I hope the support continues in editions to come.

I would like to congratulate the editors and the committee for the hard work and perseverance in managing the newsletter. All the best to everyone and thank you again.

Dr. Yanti Aspha Ameira Mustapha FBM Insights Advisor

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE TYPOLOGIES OF SENIOR ENTREPRENEURS

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INTRODUCTION

Earlier research has examined the motivation of senior entrepreneurs, which is later reflected in the typology or also known as the types of senior entrepreneurs. A senior entrepreneur is defined as an elderly who has retired from previous employment to become a first-time 'senior entrepreneur.' The existing typologies of senior entrepreneurs are largely drawn from push and pull motivations driven by either extrinsic or intrinsic values. As time flies, the newly emerged motivations in senior entrepreneurs. The next section discusses the existing typologies of senior entrepreneurs, including the definition and characteristics of each typology.

TYPOLOGY OF SENIOR ENTREPRENEURS

According to prior studies, senior entrepreneurs have a strong desire to start their businesses for many reasons. The typology of senior entrepreneurs has emerged since the earlier study by Singh and DeNoble in 2003 until the current typology charted by Soto-Simeone and Kautonen in 2020. Further description of the typology is discussed in the next sub-section.

First Approach to the Typology of Senior Entrepreneurs

Singh and DeNoble's (2003) approach was the first to give a conceptual typology for exploring the various motives of senior entrepreneurs. They categorized senior entrepreneurs into three typologies where those with pull motivations (intrinsic), are categorized as constrained entrepreneurs and rational entrepreneurs, whereas seniors with push motivations (extrinsic) are categorized as reluctant entrepreneurs. As such, these three typologies are largely drawn from the push and pull theory to express their motivations for doing entrepreneurship. These three typologies of entrepreneurs are defined as follows:

- Constrained entrepreneur someone who is enthusiastic and committed to starting a business but does not have sufficient financial resources to support the startup of that enterprise.
- Rational entrepreneur someone who views self-employment as an advancement in their career, or an approach to increasing personal richness.
- Reluctant entrepreneur a senior who has to start their own business because they lost their job, cannot find one, or do not have enough money.

As the name suggests, constrained entrepreneurs are those who want to be an entrepreneur but are unable to because they do not have enough money. Hours, family issues, and personal problems also make it hard for them to be entrepreneurs (Ratten, 2019). As soon as

they retired, their barrier has diminished to some extent, which means that they usually receive benefits from statutory, occupational, or private pension systems (Fachinger, 2019), in which they can withdraw the funds after they reach the age of 55, paving the way for them to become entrepreneurs as they can devote the necessary time and money to starting their businesses. Meanwhile, rational entrepreneurs wanted to increase economic stability; elsewhere from a personal perspective, they wanted to be independent. As noted by Singh and DeNoble (2003), rational entrepreneurs are most likely to pursue entrepreneurship for income stream considerations, rather than for personal accomplishments. Furthermore, other elusive benefits that attract rational entrepreneurs also include prestige and respect (Singh & DeNoble, 2003). In comparison with constrained and rational entrepreneurs, reluctant entrepreneurs drawn from push factors see entrepreneurship as a last resort to return to working life. This is due to the lack of job opportunities available in the market, especially for elderlies. Thus, reluctant entrepreneurs are pushed for entrepreneurship.

Second Approach to the Typology of Senior Entrepreneurs

The emergence of senior entrepreneurs as a new cohort among entrepreneurs highlights the gaps among scholars. As such, this has led to diverse profiles based on the different types of entrepreneurs. A later study was conducted by Maalaoui et al., (2013), resulting in another four senior entrepreneur profiles as follows:

- Natural entrepreneur an older entrepreneur aged over 50 years and yet to retire, but has desirability and voluntarily wants to engage in entrepreneurship.
- Unavoidable entrepreneur an older entrepreneur aged over 50 years and has retired, but has desirability and voluntarily wants to engage in entrepreneurship.
- Accidental entrepreneur an older entrepreneur aged over 50 years and yet to retire, but is pushed to create a business due to health issues (internal factor) or unemployment (external factor).
- Non-entrepreneur an older entrepreneur aged over 50 years and has retired, but the main motivator is money.

Third Approach to the Typology of Senior Entrepreneurs

Based on the developed model by Singh & DeNoble (2003), Wainwright et al., (2015), in another study sought to develop new typologies using their empirical data. The study investigates into the impact of emotions on the motivational factors involved in doing business among seniors. While the early study by Singh and DeNoble (2003) focused on early retirees, Wainwright et al., (2015) focused on senior entrepreneurs, including novice and experienced, entrepreneurs aged above 50 years. Based on the outcome of their study, Wainwright et al., (2015) indicated three different types of senior entrepreneurs:

- Older entrepreneur one who does not differ from young entrepreneurs since they seek independence and are interested in firm growth and financial returns. This group consists of novice and experienced entrepreneurs. They are true entrepreneurs who are looking for higher earnings and revenues.
- Lifestyle entrepreneur the entrepreneur is intrinsically motivated where they do not seek growth, are flexible in their working hours, and would just remain active.
- Necessity entrepreneur the entrepreneur is extrinsically motivated due to financial necessity and does not seek business growth.

Current Approach to the Typology of Senior Entrepreneurs

A recent study by Soto-Simeone and Kautonen (2020) justifies that prior research on senior entrepreneurship is insufficient in terms of addressing the types of senior entrepreneurs derived from their behavior. As the authors began to improve the understanding of the categorization of senior entrepreneurs, Soto-Simeone and Kautonen (2020) captured three out of five types of senior entrepreneurs based on the social identity theory.

• Active agers – driven by dignity; they wanted to feel active, valuable, and useful despite

being old. Running a business lets them "keep going" and gives their lives meaning.

- Autonomy seekers driven by the desire for independence at work and to be in charge of their own lives, in addition to being their own boss and improving their health by taking charge of their work-life balance. There was no making of money.
- Communitarians similar to active agers, they wanted to be active and useful. However, they are motivated by other orientations, i.e., to help their community and cater to its needs. In a way, involvement in the community outweighs financial rewards.

Based on Soto-Simeone and Kautonen's (2020) study, following the social identity theory, they could not capture the other two identities from their study: Darwinian identity and Missionary identity. The categorization of senior entrepreneurs was based on prior research by Fauchart and Gruber (2011) in their seminal study, where they identified four types of entrepreneurs: Darwinian, Missionary, Communitarian, and Hybrid. The Missionary type aims to help improve society as a whole, while the Darwinian type aims to do business to make money, get rich, and leave a legacy for future generations (Fauchart & Gruber, 2011). This has led to a lack of full heterogeneity of senior entrepreneur typologies and left out spaces to be explored by future researchers. Table 1 below simplifies the typologies of senior entrepreneurs.

Table 1

		Typology of Senior Entrepreneurs			
Motivation	Driver	Singh and DeNoble, (2003)	Maâlaoui et al., (2013)	Wainwright et al., (2015)	Soto-Simeone and Kautonen, (2020)
Pull	Intrinsic	 Constrained entrepreneur Rational entrepreneur 	 Natural entrepreneur Unavoidable entrepreneur 	 Older entrepreneur Lifestyle entrepreneur 	 Active agers Autonomy seekers Communitarians
Push	Extrinsic	 Reluctant entrepreneur 	 Accidental entrepreneur Non- entrepreneur 	 Necessity entrepreneur 	Not applicable

Existing typologies of senior entrepreneurs

CONCLUSION

This article has provided a glimpse of the typologies of senior entrepreneurs based on prior studies. In general, there are thirteen types of senior entrepreneurs driven by extrinsic or intrinsic motivations. Specifically, constrained, rational, natural, unavoidable, older, lifestyle, active agers, autonomy seekers, and communitarians are among the senior entrepreneurs driven by intrinsic motivation. On the other hand, reluctant, accidental, non-entrepreneur, and necessity entrepreneurs are 'pushed' to be senior entrepreneurs based on extrinsic motivation. Therefore, researchers could use the existing typologies to find the type of senior entrepreneurs that is deemed suitable or suggest a new typology that does not fit the current existing typologies of senior entrepreneurs.

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