Role of globalization defining the incidence of entrepreneurship

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Abstract

Globalization boosts the process of market predictions in the pursuit of economic growth. When economic, political, and social forces gain traction by promoting policies and the climate favoring globalization, entrepreneurial results reach out. Policymakers are still searching for a context within which regional policies can be structured to foster long-term entrepreneurship opportunities. The literature on entrepreneurial phenomena is incomplete and uncertain as to how globalization forces establish a nonlinear mechanism to promote the entrepreneurial process. This study provides the basic context for identifying globalization forces to create a nonlinear effect on the entrepreneurial process in order to address this problem. The results propose that policymakers strengthen the social and political dimension of globalization to increase opportunities-based entrepreneurship.

1. Introduction

Since last two decades, researchers and policymakers have recognized entrepreneurship development as a prominent tool for sustainable economic growth and development [1]. Along with social-economic contribution [2, 3], local, regional dynamics of entrepreneurship creates benefits such as availability of finance, limited liability, low taxes and duties, tax incentives, and trade with low tariffs [4]. Moreover, entrepreneurship contributes to employment, creativity and sustainable economic growth, and development for decades [5–7]. Although most of the studies on entrepreneurship development have focused on the local regional contextual dynamics, the limited studies consider all dimensions of globalization and their role in entrepreneurship development [8]. The holistic approach of globalization captures set of interconnected political, social and economic dimensions that foster entrepreneurship activities. For instance, human societies have evolved through the integration of world social, political and economic systems.

Almost two decades, studies have given more importance to national economic conditions of entrepreneurship [9], rather than other globalization forces such as political, social effects
on startups. Globalization forces represent a combination of economic, social and political factors. The related literature of entrepreneurship development has given more focus on the role of economic globalization. However, all forces play a prominent role in entrepreneurial activities in a region, this study explores all dimensions of globalization forces and their non-linear impact on entrepreneurship development.

Although, presence of an entrepreneurial spirit has a facilitating function in countries’ growth [10], the global economic development effects at different level of countries entrepreneurship. The globalization role, such as trade, and financial empowerment, creates collective benefits that transfer from high-income level to low-income level countries [11]. Although studies have reported that large firms create more job opportunities [12], now studies have explored that the role of new enterprises create comparatively more job opportunities at national and regional level. Moreover, small scale businesses have a higher survival rate [13]. Global presence of countries has a prominent role in entrepreneurship development through extending their efforts towards innovation [14]. For instance, entrepreneurial activities in China and India have increased job creation and foreign direct investment [15].

The EIM [16] stated that a change in the composition of the contribution to GDP of the European business environment was established, demonstrating that small business growth surpassed that of large corporations for the period 1988–1997. Similarly, Brock and Evans [17] identified comparable trends in the United States of America. As Wennekers and Thurik [18] explained, changes such as these are recognized to change in the global economic climate, advancement in technology, labor supply, increased and enhanced levels of education, changes in customer preference and ease of entry with regard to market regulation. Realizing these global trends has put a much-needed focus on the advancement and contribution of the small business entrepreneurial sector, not just to economic growth but also to economic development. The living standard of humans has been changed due to the social, economic, and political systems and the integration of nations, regions, and cultures. Since the beginning of an industrial revolution that helped in the immense innovations, economic globalization has played an important part in constant evolution.

Since the mid-19th century, global growth and development trends have been defined by capital flows and free trade, migration opportunities, religion, work ethics, technological developments from a cultural, economic, social, and technical perspective. Since then, economic globalization went through numerous alterations. This market liberalization has recently resulted in more openness in tariff and trade barriers, free movement of goods and services, human and physical resources, in-and-out international investment, and technology far beyond our modern markets [8].

Approximately every individual on this earth believes that the world has developed into a global village. In one part of the world, events, innovations, findings, and crises that make captions and headlines are easily accessed by everyone in the world. In many ways, globalization can be defined [19–21]. Curry [19] refers to globalization the global occurrence or phenomenon of exchange between nations, organisations and private individuals in technological, economic, political and cultural terms. These exchanges result into interdependencies at all levels (national, firm, and private individual levels) [22, 23].

An inherent characteristic of globalization, interdependencies at all levels, provides several opportunities for many actors (organizations, governments, and private persons), including the larger markets, worldwide access of new technologies, modern and superior goods/services access, and lower obstacles in trade and capital flows. Globalization still confronts difficulties, such as liberalisation of markets, strong rivalry, the reduction into national occupation and income predictions, the economic variability of incorporated economies, non-tariff trade barriers, the spread of pandemics, and new safety concerns. Mostly in the least developed
countries, many actors may not have the capacity to deal with challenges [24], which globalization brings with it. Thus, according to Audretsch [25], globalization may result into two major developments. The first of these is related to the recurrence of the importance of the regions as economic activity units, contributing to improving research on innovation and cluster. On the other side, companies’ creativity is increasingly connected to advanced, and creative local clusters. The correlation between regional proximity and innovation is a strong connection between the production of companies and regional areas, inducing policymakers to take a more intensive approach to regional strategic management in responding to the risk changes in the production location.

Through globalization, most companies significantly increase their improvement. According to the research, a company’s competitive advantage must not only be improved by cost control but also by achieving high production quality, continuous progress of goods and services, a complete conception of services or the capacity to respond quickly to the requirements of buyers and business partners [26]. Globalization eventually forces entrepreneurs to produce quality products. This demands extra creativity skills and constant innovation research, such as, the latest process strategies and methods. As a driver of entrepreneurship development, globalization literature has also claimed that it offers the producers the access to markets for placing their products into markets and technological resources, and materials for the entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs access the technologies through globalization, that are developed worldwide and can use in developing markets to create new technologies, and they also can reach completely new and different industries that increase their revenues. Add in to the statement, globalization facilitates the technology relocation of development factors via. global movement [27].

Globalization is simply increasing, expanding and deepening the links around the world [28]. The critique of globalization is that attracting those from the world to undermine the local economy would destroy national talent and skills. The government may lose influence over its own economy, society and people. But at the same time, it also offers opportunities for the country’s innovators to develop their capabilities through innovation to compete in global markets and pose a challenge to world’s economies. Such innovators are known as entrepreneurs, and these entrepreneurs have a desperate need for every country [29].

1.1. Research gap

This study highlights the association between globalization, and entrepreneurship. In the open, and fast-moving, increasing global economy, globalization has led to massive increases in entrepreneurship. In this way, globalisation has brought people and entrepreneurship a lot closer; the effect on entrepreneurship is just as remarkable. It is argued that the relationship between globalization and entrepreneurship is nonlinear/variable. Globalization has positive and negative impacts on entrepreneurship. Numerous studies have assessed the impact of globalization on entrepreneurship, but those were limited to the study on few countries [30, 31], and secondly these studies do not capture non-linear effect globaliation. This study fulfils the research gap in two ways; theoretically and methodologically. In this study, we have analyzed the data from many countries worldwide to study the impact of globalization on entrepreneurship.

1.2. Objective of the study

This study explores the variable impact of different dimensions of globalization on entrepreneurship based on necessity and opportunity. This objective is achieved by analyzing the large data collected from different countries in the world and controlling for access to finance and education.
1.3. Significance of the study

This research has policy implications by providing the economic, social, and political effects of globalization in entrepreneurship development. Previous studies on globalization were not looking at the big picture as this study did by analyzing the data from different countries to study the influence of globalization on entrepreneurship. This work adds to the literature by addressing how countries can develop their production quality, innovation and entrepreneurship activities by focusing on globalization.

2. Literature review

Organizations have projected a global stress concerning the improved manufacturing operations, technology, improved competition in marketing activities, and labour movement, since the introduction of global economy. Sagagi [32] stated that countries today that are at multiple development levels have opened their economies for free trade of goods and services and foreign investments. Although, there are many definitions of globalization, but in the field of business and economics, globalization is defined as a focus on the free movement of economic products and resources. For instance, Baker [33] has defined globalization as a driving force of societies into global harmony and creating a market for the exchange of products and services internationally without any border limits. Sagagi [32], Ajayi [34], Arruda [35] have defined globalization from a business point of view, as the mixture of nationwide economies through capital flows and trade, opening of large and new markets, possible by trade liberalization, the subtraction of capital control, and the technology development. According to Adenuga [36], globalization is forming an international market where all trades and businesses are open to run.

Globalization is defined as the integration of persons, capital, ideas, concepts, traded goods, images, and values beyond the national borders as the results of the processes of increasing interdependency of political, economic factors [37]. Globalization has made it easy to start business operations internationally; trade among different states has been made easy with a terrific decline in trade obstacles. Therefore, less trade barriers also improve the technologies, transportation system and logistics, communication system, which allows to exchange between a firm and buyers, suppliers and other actors across the world smoothly [38–41].

The debate here is, whether globalization affect positively or negatively, or which effect is greater than the other. Entrepreneurship is one are of emphasis which has drawn attention of all the countries globally [42]. To the positive impact of globalization, it is claimed that globalization promote entrepreneurship by developing the resources availability and identification of more business opportunities. But others have argued in opposing that globalization suppress the creative capacities (entrepreneurial creativity) of the people, economic exploitation of less privileged countries, especially of the developing countries and the promotion of dependence. These arguments have been discussed almost by several authors [42–44]. Despite of all the arguments, one things is made clear that globalization affects the development of entrepreneurship in numerous nations in a different way according to their national policies and levels of industrial development [42].

Entrepreneurship is a result of many factors that helps in promoting it. The development of entrepreneurship results from economic influences and certain environmental conditions [2]. Surely, there are many macro and micro factors that effects the entrepreneurship development, such as economic and financial factors, good chance to make high profit, better movement of capital, small taxes, good banking, free trade with small amount of tariffs, cheap labor, stable political system, meaningful democracy, uniform commercial law and limited regulations, equal employment opportunity, a legal support for private property, strong educational and
training facilities, research and innovation, government reward system, socio-cultural factors—encouragement and social and family support, social status and integration, security, risk oriented, and opportunity seekers [4].

Entrepreneurship is essential for the development of economy. Bheemappa [45] described that entrepreneurship takes place in many fields including, business, education, industry, social work, agriculture, as the reaction to the environment in a creative and innovative way. [46], stated that entrepreneurship is the competence for innovation and capability to familiarize innovative methods in business operations. In current times, entrepreneurship helps develop countries in several manners; expanding the horizons of the market, use innovative techniques to reduce cost, increase quality, and manage the manufacturing units at different levels. Indeed, entrepreneur’s skills and abilities are essential for the economic development of a country [47]. According to McClelland, people could be entrepreneurs if they have high need for achievement [48]. Davies recognized that entrepreneurship is developed if people desire achievement that also results in economic development by fostering innovation [49]. The connection of globalization and entrepreneurship is defined by Shrader, Oviatt [50], as the current research is more focusing on global entrepreneurship [51].

The importance of entrepreneurship has gained too much interest globally, and every scholar has every argument on its importance. One major argument is that it is a source of information. The cost of gaining information has been reduced due to the advancement of technology globally [52–54]. It can either be the strategy of the organizations to be into competition. Moreover, research demonstrates that firms respond by acquiring technology that is vulnerable by globalization forces [55].

2.1. Differential aspects of globalization

2.1.1. Economy aspects of globalization. For Tretiakov, Felzensztein [31], globalization is the absence of financial and economic limitations. The integration between nations and regions has been increased by globalization. Similarly, Stiglitz [56] stated that globalization is directed by WTO, IMF, and World Bank which are financial and economic world institutions. Grossman [57], Borensztein [58], stated that globalization has been resulted into the development of productivity, technology transfers, and the best use of resources by the host country. These evolution has increased demand and supply of advanced economic activities in the economic structural stages.

Dollar [59] and Easterly [60] defined globalization theory as being (a) an economic and development advantage by reducing poverty and enhancing equality, (b) availability of vast production resources in the host countries. As per the author, income inequality is same while in the country poverty has declined. On the other side, being a significant aspect of production in developing states, land attracts other production factors such as labor and capital, therefore results into higher return on the investment. Due to globalization, economic activities are enhanced by fostering global organizations to work for creative products that foster entrepreneurship.

Relative comparative advantage theory supports the fact that there is plenty of labor available in developing countries, trade and FDI should use that labor to increase in labor specialization and increase the local employment rate. In developing countries, both in traded and non-traded sectors, employment is dependent of the productivity and output growth. Export is dependent on demand-led economic and higher employment growth. Moreover, in the presence of supply limitations (low investment, shortage of technology infrastructures, shortage of trained labor, and incompetent labor market), productivity growth may exceed the output growth, even in the exporting sectors, that is harmful for job creation [61, 62]. Shifting our
emphasis from trade to FDI inflows, FDI produces more jobs by enhancing productivity that positively impacts the retailers and suppliers and increases the economic growth of the developing country [63], which fosters entrepreneurial activities. To the extent that poverty reduction is concerned, developing counties economic growth is benefited from trade and FDI [64, 65], globalization should be a technique to reduce poverty rate.

The globalization of economies has increased the impact of innovative activity among entrepreneurship making possessions. Progression of national economies, segment shifts, and orderly markets, institutional and national disappointments, and innovative advances have joined to build the calls for additional social conflict and rest inside an enterprise; globalization has encouraged a move to an enterprising model of creation [66].

2.1.2. Sociology aspects of globalization. A sociologist Robertson [67] has defined globalization as a conception referring the world compression and strengthening the understanding of the world, which results in a single global filed or arena. Though, as Boli and Lechner [68], indicated all at once, globalization highlights differences: each group must describe its definite place, fashion its specific understanding of worldwide principles. Globalization, generates resemblances and alterations, unites and splits, Also, stated that the central issue of today’s worldwide relations is the pressure among cultural heterogenization and cultural homogenization.

Cross-national cultures established on the basis of people, sharing their interests and connections in particular areas such as business, education, or the arts, are these have been created due to the communications systems, transports, common global media like CNN, and connected banking and finance systems. The distant communication at low cost, its rapid speed and the variety of communication sources improved these relationships. Immigration, cross-national business activities and education all create pre-conditions for extranational society, worldwide relations call up possible for multi-lingualism and multi-culturalism, are related with new possibility for hybridity [69]. All these factors caused by globalization are the mains of creativity and entrepreneurship as a result of the collection of numerous ideas.

2.1.3. Political aspects of globalization. Another aspect of globalization is the access to information through new information and communication technologies (ICT) globally. ICT also supports the transfer of production locations from one country to another, providing necessary requirements because work has been gradually becoming independent from a static location. The result of such mobility can be the increase in the income levels of low income countries and also higher unemployment in others countries as well [70].

There are several aspects of globalization in politics and information flow. First, there is the propensity to universalise the nationwide nationality and involvement in the governance, public affairs, education, labour markets and consumption, including the participation of earlier excluded minorities. Marginson universality has been linked for so long with state-driven modernization, industrialization, mass markets, and democratic political practices. It ensures the politics of different culturalism and equity policies in social and public programmes [69].

Second, governmental complication has been increased, so that national belongings are protected not so much by the volume of fiscal disbursements and direct manufacturing in the public sector, as through the public institutes and through the influencing of individual behaviour. Third, as increasing the markets established by governments, comprising the limited deregulation of worldwide economics and significant limitations on countrywide fiscal policies, the international well-being facility has been assaulted, and income discrimination and unemployment have increased. For national governments to bring reforms to make the global market free, and increasing their competency is easier, they can bring reforms to reduce the fit problems between national and international exchanges than to take such actions that deceive the internal economic markets [69].
2.2. Positives and negatives of globalization on entrepreneurship - paradox thinking

However, there is a huge discussion about globalization’s positive and negative aspects, but the negative side of globalization is more influential than the positive side. One concern in which all the countries are taking part is entrepreneurship development. If we look at the positive side of globalization, it is believed that globalization is the major source to increase the economic and entrepreneurship autonomy, development and prosperity of all the nations involved in global businesses. As compared to the positive effects, the negative effects of globalization also prevail such as it is assumed that globalization forces the reduction in the creativity of the individuals, socio-economic dictatorship, economic manipulation, and dependence of less developed countries, mostly of the developing countries. Discussing the both aspects of globalization, one thing is obvious that globalization is impacting every country in the world in any way. But due to the differences of industrial advancements and national rules and policies, every country is experiencing globalization in different way. It is a mixed grill of benefits and losses or pleasures and pains [27].

From Ofori [71], CIB [72], Idoro [73], globalization carries threats with it including, foreign companies have a bigger share of the projects available, building materials, professional services imports are more than their exports, opportunities for the local residents, and native contractors’ have declined due to the increased competition from their better equipped and more capitalized foreign competitors. Globalization also bring positive effects for the local communities such as due to the international financing, the markets are larger, construction demands are increased due to FDI’s, value of the money for the projects in the host country has been boosted due to the foreign companies competition, technology transfers and business expansion has been increased.

Many authors have been recommended in the literature that entrepreneurship is affected by globalization in many ways. First, with the globalization, trade barriers are removed and more secured markets are open for business competitions, local entrepreneurs are supported to produce new products and market them internationally. Also, globalization has increased the international competition expecting them to adjust according to the changes in the markets or lose the markets in other way. Local entrepreneurs are supported to increase efficiency and economy by searching new productivity methods. One more positive aspect of the globalization in the literature is that it promotes quality products and increase production. Competitiveness has been risen due to the globalization. Competition among the rival firms are now based on the quality products and quality services [43, 74].

Ultimately, globalization forces entrepreneurs for product quality. This stresses the additional creativity and boundless research for innovation, such as the best techniques and production processes. The entrepreneurs are also called as “learning entrepreneurship”. Another positive aspect of globalization is that due to the increased international competition, the product prices are lower than before. This is beneficial for the local customers and also for the entrepreneurs. The benefits for the entrepreneurs included the reduction in the prices of the materials and resources to make products. Also, globalization causes entrepreneurs to make products with adjusting to specific needs and follow the similar strategy, therefore, they can also cut the cost linked with changing the product designs and patterns. Globalization has enabled the organizations to function constantly and make and sell similar products as every firm is doing in the market, at very low cost to meet the customer’s needs, called global corporations. Globalization is favorable for both the final consumers and entrepreneurs as the cost of productivity is lower, and the productivity levels are higher [43].

As in the literature, globalization forces the entrepreneurship development. It has been stated that it also facilitates the producers to get access the markets to deliver product,
technology, and materials for the entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs are now having access to
global technologies and they can enter in the global markets to sell their products and their
sales have been improved just because of the globalization. Due to the global mobility of the
production factors, technology transfers has been made easy [27].

Entrepreneurs have access to world markets to get ideas for production and use them for
production operations in local countries. As immigrants came into the developing markets,
they facilitated the local entrepreneurs by providing them with new ideas and knowledge. So,
globalization is a way to support technology transfer internationally. A negative aspect of glob-
alization that has been presented in the literature is that it discourages the local citizens of
developing nations creative and innovative skills. These countries are themselves not moti-
vated to be creative as they get low price products constantly in the global markets. Due to
globalization, small firms and growing entrepreneurs of developing countries have to compete
in the global markets with the big companies that have already been developed and make prod-
ucts at very low cost by using the facilities available in the developing countries at low cost.
This is the disadvantage of globalization for the developing nation’s small and large firms [27].

There are many challenges caused by globalization, including strong competition, liberal-
ization of markets, economic instability of the integrated markets, low revenue and domestic
job market, cyclical crises, spread of pandemics, and non-tariff obstacles for trade, security
issues.

To handle the global challenges, that is caused by globalization, least developed countries
(LDCs) may not have the competences [75, 76]. Thus, as per Audretsch [25], two significant
developments have been caused by globalization. The first one is the improved clusters and
innovation, due to the re-emergence of the significance of the regions as the units of economic
activity. Second one is the regional clusters has been developed due to the innovative firms. A
strong competition between the regions and organizations has been developed due to the asso-
ciation between regional proximity and innovation.

According to trade theory, globalization reduces inequality. Specifically, trade theory
emphasizes on open trade that reduces inequality. Trade theory has shifted its discussion from
country focus to firms. This new trade theory emphasizes on the role of firms and heterogeneity
in global trade. In this perspective, firms can decrease fixed trade costs and decrease uncertain-
ties that lead to higher productivity and innovation and welfare [77]. Open trade promotes
globalization, decreasing inequality because when income comes to the domestic country,
income level is increased.

The economic theory emphasizes fostering growth and reducing poverty through speciali-
ization, scale economies, competition, incentives for macroeconomic, constancy and innova-
tion. Bergh and Nilsson [78], found a negative relationship between poverty and globalization.
Economic activities extensively cover financial transactions. The modern theory of financial
globalization has been applied to emerging markets, lifting cross-border restrictions of global
financial transactions. Developing countries will be benefited from this activity for the promo-
tion of capital inflows [79]. Financial globalization is all dependent on development levels,
national savings, productivity and quality of organizations.

Creative destruction theory explains that in developing countries, economic growth and
development is brought by innovative entrepreneurial activities. By being a part of disruptive
market activities, several outcomes can gain. Entrepreneur’s evolution and success [80] is
included as well. Öner and Kunday [81] claims that due to the global fame and innovative
developments, developing countries are significantly influential by entrepreneurship. Bailey
[82] states developing countries provide labor forces that is more than half of the world labor
force. China or India produces a third of every job, FDI’s is increased greatly, and it is esti-
mated that about 20% of global employees are their university graduates. Human capital has
created substantial research and development returns that have increased opportunities and transaction costs for the organizations has reduced [83–85].

Globalization networks are created at three levels: (1) interpersonal networks (2) inter-organizational networks and (3) intergovernmental (and civil society) networks. Interpersonal networks are associated with globalization’s influence on immigration. For instance, in developing business in Southeast Asia, Chinese entrepreneurs are prominent, and in the British Empire colonies, Indian entrepreneurs have made significant contributions [86]. Inter-organizational networks caused by the globalization actors, such as multinational enterprises (MNEs) that encourage inter-organizational networks [87, 88]. Intergovernmental networks reflects the political facets of globalization that includes the growth of multilateral organizations for example, the United Nations (UN) [89], its networks, have drawn attention to social challenges by collaborating with other nongovernmental organizational (NGO) networks.

These networks, promote transnational, technology, and social entrepreneurship [90], these entrepreneurship types creates stress but, when achieved, produce useful organizational results. Globalization enables social entrepreneurship, including generating opportunities for the organizations resulting from societal problems, including poverty, energy, health care, private education, and water sanitization, to make social and financial capital [91]. Social entrepreneurship also solves inequality and other challenges related to education and healthcare [92].

2.3. Empirical evidence

There are many research studies, that have been presenting a positive relation between economic growth and development, and globalization, with a diversifying approach such as rare resources are distributed easily due to open and free trade, and growth effectiveness for the poor [93–95]. Trade openness, high exports, and foreign direct investments, are all the factors that have increased the productivity levels [96, 97]. Recent work by Dreher [98], and [99] studied the influence of globalization on growth with the lens of economic, social, and political perspectives. This study analyzed the low-income African countries and founds that there is a positive association between globalization and economic growth that raises innovation and creativity. Samimi and Jenatabadi [100] studied the influence of economic globalization on the economic growth in the OIC countries. They compared the globalization influence on economic development in developed countries with developing countries and found that globalization effects positive more in developed countries. Additionally, globalization indirectly impacts complementary reforms on growth. This positive effect on growth and social development entails that it promotes human capital and opportunities, increasing opportunity entrepreneurship and decreasing necessity entrepreneurship.

A study in Nigeria revealed that globalization affects entrepreneurship, both positive and negative, in developing economies, though the impact can be different from one industry to another. However, generally, globalization effects more positive than it impacts negatively on entrepreneurship [101].

Jones [102] describes that the entrepreneur’s decision process is influenced by globalization, which also presents his abilities. His arguments are supported by the research of [103]. Knight [55] observed this discussion from another perception. He describes that due to globalization, companies are more motivated to become entrepreneurial. They apply innovative marketing and focus on quality productivity to become more specialized by changing their business operations. Tretiakov, Felzensztein [31] considers that globalization can be a reason for the organizations to perform better.

To study the impact of globalization on entrepreneurship with the assumption of positive relation between entrepreneurship and country’s development level of globalization, a
comparative study using the indicators of country levels was carried by [104]. The results of the study revealed that globalization impacts entrepreneurship, but the impact varies from country to country.

The study on globalization and entrepreneurship on SME’s suggests that entrepreneurship is key orientation among firms, especially SMEs struggling with globalization forces [55]. Through a direct relation and effects of income, Bhagwati [105] has supported the advantages of globalization both theoretically and empirically. This study was carried on the farmers of rural areas in India, as per them, poor receive more financial gains of globalization that has been described. The authors here indicates that improved internet connection made it possible for the farmers to connect with their potential buyers while removing distributor transaction costs in this process. To sell final products, they can access the market directly that has caused an increase in their per capita income.

While relating globalization with entrepreneurship, previous studies have used the broad indicator of new business density, which does not represent the changes in entrepreneurship composition. This study opens the model to describe the quadratic effect of three dimensions of globalization on necessity and opportunity entrepreneurship while controlling for access to finance [106, 107] and government efforts in promoting education [108].

An empirical study conducted by Patel and Rietveld [109], to analyze the impact of globalization on the perceptions of entrepreneurship by using a combination of individuals and country level data, from the years of 2001 to 2006. They collected individual-level data from Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (1,752,636 individuals), and country-level data from World Bank and KOF Swiss Economic Institute (103 countries). Their empirical study revealed that there is a negative relation between the globalization and the perceptions of entrepreneurship, and globalization does not affect entrepreneurship skills and the fear of failure. With the perspective of economic development, globalisation moderates the impact of globalization on the perceived opportunities and it is positive only in the countries with higher income levels. But, economic development has no impact on the relationship between globalization and the perceptions of entrepreneurship of the fear of failure.

An empirical study conducted by Dvoulety [110], using a data set of eleven countries from 2001 to 2005, to empirically, support their hypothesis of entrepreneurship or self-employment determinants/measures we use at the country level the determinants will influence in same direction. Four self-employment or entrepreneurship measures were used, including the OECD self-employment rate, Eurostat self-employment rate, established business ownership rate by Global Entrepreneurship Monitor rates, and total early-stage entrepreneurship activity. The study results revealed that there is a strong association between all the measures of entrepreneurship or self-employment and all the determinants of entrepreneurship influence in the same way.

A systematic literature analysis was conducted by Urbano, Aparicio [111], that analysed the research over 25 years from 1992 to 2016, both quantitative and qualitative studies. The results of the study revealed that institutions impacts the economic development of a country by fostering entrepreneurship. Based on the institutional approach, the authors revealed that institutions shape the human behavior for entrepreneurship that works for the development of the economy. There is association between institutions and entrepreneurship, and thus entrepreneurship positively associates with economic development. Informal institutions impact entrepreneurship development more than formal institutions.

3. Conceptual model

The theoretical model of this research focuses on the model of variable effects of globalization on entrepreneurship. The variable effect hypothesis leads to three types of outcomes 1) linear
effect (positive or negative) 2) U shaped effect and 3) Inverted U shaped effect. A study by Arshed, Rauf [107] assessed the variable effects role of education on entrepreneurship using the framework of Haans [112]. For the case of U shaped or inverted U shaped effect, this study seeks to find a threshold point or region for every nation that defines an optimal point where the globalization climate favors the process of entrepreneurship. Other than that level, the provision of data, experience and expertise is not sufficient to achieve higher levels of entrepreneurship. Rather, it deteriorates in contrast to the rest of the world. On the other hand, corporations and governments appreciate changes in their processes at high levels of globalization. Under open free market conditions, this scenario is likely. Whereas, countries are trapped at low globalization levels because of their social constructs, geographical positions or foreign constraints. In the globalization process, this will create a blockade.

4. Data and methods

4.1. Variables and data sources

Table 1 discusses the variables which are deployed in this study in order to achieve the research objectives.

4.2. Estimation equation and model

The following are two equations estimated in this study: the data comprises unbalanced data of 149 countries between 2008 to 2018. This study has opted to use panel data models. This study has used Panel Feasible Generalized Least Square (FGLS) model as it is able to allow the variation of standard errors across the cross sections [107]. Further, to estimate the variable effects of globalization, the estimation equations had used the quadratic specification of KOFE, KOFS, and KOFP as proposed by Arshed [107]. This quadratic specification can be used to find the threshold effects of globalization on both opportunity and necessity entrepreneurship. Several studies have used this approach to find the thresholds [107, 116–118].

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NECE_{it} = \alpha + \beta_1 KOFE_{it} + \beta_2 KOFE^2_{it} + \beta_3 KOFS_{it} + \beta_4 KOFS^2_{it} + \beta_5 KOFP_{it} + \beta_6 KOFP^2_{it} + \beta_7 FINENTR_{it} + \beta_8 GEXP_{it} + \epsilon_{it}
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Table 1. Construction of variables.

| Variables (Symbols)                  | Definition                                                                 | Source               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Economic Globalization (KOFE)        | It is an index comprising of the flow of trade and finances and restrictions on trade and finances. | Gygli, Haeg [113]   |
| Social Globalization (KOFS)          | It is an index comprising of the flow and restrictions related to personal contact, information flows and cultural proximity to other countries. | Gygli, Haeg [113]   |
| Political Globalization (KOFP)       | It is an index comprising the number of embassies, international memberships, UN security council participation, and international treaties. | Gygli, Haeg [113]   |
| Necessity Entrepreneurship (NECE)    | The proportion of entrepreneurs who are necessity driven                    | Bosma [114]          |
| Opportunity Entrepreneurship (OPP)   | The proportion of entrepreneurs who are opportunity driven                  | Bosma [114]          |
| Financing for Entrepreneurs (FINENTR) | The availability of financing via debt or equity to SMEs                   | Bosma [114]          |
| Government Expenditure on Education (GEXP) | Government expenditures on education as a percent of GDP                    | WDI [115]            |

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Table 2. Descriptive statistics of variables.

| Statistic | KOFE | KOFS | KOFP | NECE | OPP | FINENTR | GEXP |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|-----|---------|------|
| Mean      | 57.79| 60.89| 72.30| 25.04| 48.10| 2.50    | 4.59 |
| Std.dev.  | 16.96| 17.49| 17.24| 10.75| 12.24| 0.42    | 1.61 |
| Sample    | 1168 | 1176 | 1176 | 514  | 514  | 674     | 1008 |

\[
OPP_t = \alpha + \beta_1 KOFE_{it} + \beta_2 KOFE_{it}^2 + \beta_3 KOFS_{it} + \beta_4 KOFS_{it}^2 + \beta_5 KOFP_{it} + \beta_6 KOFP_{it}^2 \\
+ \beta_7 FINENTR_{it} + \beta_8 GEXP_{it} + \epsilon_{it}
\]

5. Estimation results

5.1. Descriptive statistics

Table 2 reports the descriptives of the variables to be used in the study. Here we can see that mean value is greater than the standard deviation for all the variables, confirming that they are underdispersed. This property entails that the data follows some pattern and ensures the mean value to be a better representative compared to an overdispersed variable.

Further, Fig 1 provides histogram, scatter plot with nonlinear fit, and correlation values. While discussing the histograms, it is noted that other than GEXP all variables are not following symmetry, which deviates them from normal distribution. Since normality is just a
statistical assumption, the data sets tend not to follow normality, then the ideal/targeted value of the data is not in the center of the data. This study assumes the data to be asymptotically normal as the sample is above 30. From correlations, it is noted that opportunity entrepreneurship is positively correlated with all of the independent variables, while for necessity entrepreneurship, it is negatively correlated with all of the independent variables.

5.2. Estimation results

Table 3 provides the estimation result of the opportunity and necessity entrepreneurship model using FGLS model. Based on the sample of 362 observations, the independent variables explain the 25% variation in opportunity entrepreneurship and 40% variation in necessity entrepreneurship. This shows that globalization model is successful in explaining the necessity entrepreneurship. The intercept is positive for opportunity entrepreneurship and negative entrepreneurship shows that while independent variables are constant, there is a positive trend in opportunity entrepreneurship across the countries. This accounts for the increase in awareness and experience in the general public because of knowledge availability.

The results of the controlling factors show that a 1% increase in the financing to entrepreneurs increases opportunity entrepreneurship by 4.71% while decreasing necessity entrepreneurship -3.97% on average. Further, a 1% increase in the government expenditure on education increases opportunity entrepreneurship by 2.24% while decreasing necessity entrepreneurship by -1.51% on average.

The results of quadratically specified globalization dimensions reveals some interesting results. For the case of economic globalization, it is following inverted U shape relationship with opportunity entrepreneurship while it is insignificantly and negatively effecting necessity entrepreneurship. This means that at low levels of economic globalization, resident of the country can benefit the gains from trade and financial flows leading to the entrepreneurship of opportunity, but with the increase in economic globalization, there is an increase in competition which is coming from abroad in the from abroad in the form of FDI or superior products.

On the other hand, global social factors show resistance towards initial business opportunities due to rigid customs and norms. Once the discourse of global social factors establishes, their accessibility is widely accepted, and positively impacts social globalisation. The results show a U shaped relationship with opportunity entrepreneurship and inverted U shaped relationship with necessity entrepreneurship. This points to the notation that when the countries
are moving towards social integration with the world, it tends to build a network of trust and confidence that build resources which are shared towards new opportunities as ideas are shared across cultures. This inadvertently reduces the proportion of people who are becoming necessity based entrepreneur.

Political constraints also put pressure while putting policies on new business opportunities due to a lack of established related laws. Once the processes get mature under the supervision of the government, new growth of opportunities turn into growth. As government knows, innovators have an important contribution towards the overall growth of the country [29]. Lastly, it shows a U-shaped relationship with opportunity entrepreneurship and an inverted U shaped relationship with necessity entrepreneurship for political globalisation. This pattern is similar to social globalization.

The actual pattern of the effect of quadratic variables are plotted below. Here in Figs 2–4 we can see the effect of globalization on opportunity entrepreneurship. Here, it is evident that policies pursuing social and political globalization tend to increase opportunity entrepreneurship incidence. In the inspection of Figs 5–7, we can see that globalization policies increase the economic outlook of the economy, reducing the incidence of necessity-based entrepreneurship.

6. Conclusion and implementations
Literature has discussed the relationship between globalization and entrepreneurship thoroughly. However, the results are inconclusive as the temporal and spatial boundaries change over time and space. This research work has demonstrated the new perspective of objectifying the complex dynamic non-linear process of entrepreneurial development through globalization. Supported by the trade theory and economic theory, this study fosters globalization to reduce inequality by developing open trade. Economic theory also focuses on fostering growth and reducing poverty through specialization, scale economies, competition, incentives for macroeconomic, constancy and innovation. With the support of these theories, this study is a major addition to globalization literature.

Fig 2. Quadratic fit of opportunity entrepreneurship and economic globalization.
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This study provides the outcome of the globalization policy of the government throughout the range of the data. This was only possible because of the use of large data set and variable effect estimation using the quadratic form of variables. The major transition effect of the variable is explainable via economic outlook. Here, most of the variables improve the economic outlook; hence, it is promoting opportunity entrepreneurship and reducing the necessity entrepreneurship. Only for economic globalization is where high globalization is not beneficial.

Fig 3. Quadratic fit of opportunity entrepreneurship and social globalization.

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Fig 4. Quadratic fit of opportunity entrepreneurship and political globalization.

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for domestic entrepreneurs as it allows competition with the potential entrepreneurs across other developed countries.

This study proposes that policymakers integrate the economies socially and politically as it will assist the potential entrepreneurs in updating their indigenous knowledge & experience and their ability to place their product or idea in other countries without any legal or political constraints. This way, any nation could gain in terms of increasing their opportunities.

Fig 5. Quadratic fit of necessity entrepreneurship and economic globalization.
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Fig 6. Quadratic fit of necessity entrepreneurship and social globalization.
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Further, this action will reduce the necessity entrepreneurship as the expansion of opportunity entrepreneurship absorbs it will be increasing job opportunities at premium wages. Lastly, the efforts in increasing financing for entrepreneurs and government expenditures on education tend to pave way for opportunity-based entrepreneurship.

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