

Immigrant Entrepreneurship in South Africa: Current Literature and Research Opportunities

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ABSTRACT Immigrant entrepreneurship is significant for employment creation and economic growth in South Africa. The study reviewed the current literature on immigrant entrepreneurship in South Africa. Twenty- four papers, journal articles, theses and dissertations covering the period between 1997 and 2014 were obtained through internet searches. The searches indicated that immigrant entrepreneurship has stimulated many studies in South Africa. The studies can be classified under the following themes: motivations and obstacles (including access to finance), networking, competencies and performance, ethics and gender. The areas for further research are suggested. Two major areas that new research can explore focus on the creation and sustainability of immigrant-owned businesses.