



# The Global Entrepreneurship and Development Index: Panama

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# Back to the Future: The World in 2050

- Surging, Shifting Populations
- Abundance of human capital
- Role of entrepreneurship?
- World is operating @ 30%!





# Where are we?

Entrepreneurship is commonplace.

Definition(s) of entrepreneurship, and implications of those definitions.

Entrepreneurship is a team sport.

Entrepreneurship can be innovative or replicative.

Skills development and candidate skills useful for business-building.

Distinctive competence (and its implications for recognition, evaluation, and exploitation).

Master skills: networks, double-loop learning, pattern recognition.

# Four conjectures (so far)

- 1. How you conceptualize entrepreneurship influences your perspective on who can do it, why it is important, whether or not it can be taught, and what skills to develop.
- 2. One becomes world-class at entrepreneurship in the same way that one becomes world-class at anything.
- 3. Self-understanding (person-opportunity fit) and creativity are at the core of learning to "think and act like an entrepreneur."
- 4. Entrepreneurial skills are valuable skills, period.



What is the big deal here?

The relationship between entrepreneurship and economic growth is

**OBVIOUS**...

isn't it?





#### New Firm Subsidies



Creative Class



#### Government Venturing



Education



#### Business Incubators



**IP** Protection

# Why is this so tough?

- We need good theory (we have a plethora of theories to choose from).
- We need good data (we have a dearth of good data to choose from).

# Some good theorie(s)







Solow Neoclassical Romer Endogenous Growth De Soto & North Evolutionary Institutional



#### 1950s: Neoclassical Theory



**Buddy Holly** 

#### Solow & Swan

- National economic growth? Simple! Product of growth in supply of labor, capital, and technology improvement (the rate at which raw materials -> finished goods).
- Mixed support for the model. Gap between developed and developing countries is increasing (counter to the predictions of the model). US growth rate lower in 19th century than 20th.
- Does not take institutions into account (updates to model added investments in education, but could not explain heterogeneity in returns on that investment).
- The model does not explain how or why technological progress occurs and treats growth as exogenous (it happens, but no explanation for why it happens).



#### 1980s: New Growth Theory



Duran Duran

- Paul Romer developed a new model in which investment in human capital did not depreciate. Instead, investment in knowledge production costlessly spilled over to non-investors.
- Implication is that investment in research and development allows output of **all** firms to grow. Explains why knowledge-intensive countries benefit disproportionally compared to others.
- The model underscores that investment in innovation is linked to economic growth, and supports the international diffusion of knowledge (globalization is good).
- But some countries with high levels of research and development investment had low rates of growth and little entrepreneurship. What gives?
- Despite being more complex, new growth theory has been no more successful at explaining income divergence between the developing and developed world than oldschool neoclassical models.

#### 1990s: Institutional and Evolutionary Models



Jay-Z

North examined the role of institutions (for example law and property rights) in society. He argues that strong institutions make it possible for the inventor to benefit from the application of their creative energy to a problem.

 Institutions solve the incentive problem that stalls development.



De Soto examined economic development around the world and concluded that property rights and levels of corruption explain the difference between the haves and the have-nots.



- Neo-classical growth models suggest that where you invest - big firm, small firm - does not matter.
- Most models of entrepreneurship say that you should fund the small firm.
- Alternative models suggest that the odds of picking successful small firms are small, thus it is better to fund the general environment.

Are you serious? Is this the best that economists can do?

# Why Nations Fail







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# One issue is lack of relevant data

- We need good data (it is scarce and valuable).
  While it is getting better, we still lack the data we need to test and refine our ideas.
  - How do you measure corruption?
  - Is self-employment "entrepreneurship"?
  - Do you count all "firms" or only those with employees?
  - How do you track investment? Does government investment "count" (i.e. tax subsidies).



#### THIS IS SMALL BUSINESS







#### **COUNTRY RANKINGS ON FIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP INDICATORS**

Rank	GEM, TEA		WBGES		COMPENDIA		Euro-		OECDs	
							barometer			
1	Iceland	11.3	Iceland	11.6	Italy	21.0	USA	28.8	Greece	36.3
2	USA	10.0	Norway	9.7	Greece	19.7	France	21.3	Italy	26.7
3	Norway	9.1	Netherlands	9.0	Spain	13.3	UK	21.0	Spain	17.9
4	Greece	7.9	Spain	6.9	Netherlands	11.5	Ireland	19.9	Ireland	16.5
5	Ireland	7.4	Denmark	6.0	Iceland	11.3	Belgium	19.8	Iceland	14.7
6	Spain	7.3	Ireland	5.6	UK	11.2	Germany	19.3	Belgium	14.7
7	UK	5.8	Sweden	5.0	Ireland	11.1	Sweden	19.1	Austria	13.6
8	Netherlands	5.4	UK	5.0	Belgium	11.1	Italy	17.8	UK	13.2
9	Denmark	5.3	Belgium	4.8	USA	10.1	Austria	16.3	Finland	12.9
10	Finland	5.0	Italy	4.4	Germany	9.7	Netherlands	15.7	Germany	12.2
11	France	4.4	Finland	3.2	Austria	9.1	Denmark	13.8	Netherlands	11.0
12	Germany	4.2	Austria	3.1	Norway	8.8	Spain	13.1	Sweden	10.0
13	Italy	3.5	France	3.0	Finland	8.6	Iceland	11.8	France	9.0
14	Sweden	3.4	USA	2.6	Sweden	8.5	Norway	10.1	Denmark	8.9
15	Belgium	2.7	Germany	0.8	France	8.4	Finland	7.6	Norway	8.5
16	Austria	2.4	Greece	0.4	Denmark	6.9	Greece	6.0	USA	7.4

TEA=Total early-stage entrepreneurial activity the among adult population, 2006

**WBGES**=The percentage of newly registered limited-liability firms (less than one year old), as a percentage of the adult population, 2003–2005

**COMPENDIA**=The business-ownership rate = the number of business owners divided by the total labor force. Only persons who are self-employed as their main occupation are included in the ownership numbers, 2006

**EUROBAROMETER**=The total percentage of adult respondents (n=20.674) who were currently starting a business, 2007 **OECD**=Self-employment as a percentage of total civilian employment, 2006

# Early-Stage Entrepreneurial Activity, by Country and GDP



# **Opportunity Ratio**

Opportunity ratio 2004 and GDP per capita (PPP) 2002



# Mice—Gazelles—Elephants







## 350,000 High Impact Firms in US.



#### Purpose of GEDI

- GEDI Index is a policy tool.
- The purpose of the GEDI Index is to give the world a "tool to support sustainable growth, and increased standards of living by measuring the contextual nature of successful entrepreneurship.

## **Global Partners**





Inter-American Development Bank

















What do we mean by entrepreneurship? High Impact Firms:

MicrosoftLenovoInfosys

NOT: coffee shops, home based businesses, and selfemployed Some call them Gazelles, because they grow fast, employ people, growing partners/suppliers, & generally have deep impact on regional, national, or even

# Jedi Warrior – Killer App





# Knowledge as a Source of Entrepreneurial Opportunity

- History t Future
  - Knowledge
    - R&D

Window of opportunity.





Entrepreneurship



Top Top Third Top Half Bottom Half Bottom Third Bottom



# Panama

Size of population 2011 (in million): Per capita GDP in international US\$ 2009 (PPP, World Bank): Level of development: Rank in Doing Business Index 2010-2011: Rank in Global Competitiveness Index 2010-2011: Rank in Economic Freedom Index 2010-2011 Global Entrepreneurship and Development Index rank (point): Entrepreneurial Attitudes sub-index rank (point): Entrepreneurial Action sub-index rank (point): Entrepreneurial Aspirations sub-index rank (point): Weakest pillar to improve (value): Weakest variable to improve (value)

0.26 3.5 13,877 efficiency driven 61/183 49/139 60/179 60 (118) 44 (0.36) 53 (0.30) 82 (0.13) Risk Capital(0.01) Informal Investment (0.01)

#### Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador



— Panama 🛛 —— Costa Rica 🛛 —— El Salvador

#### Panama: 2009 – 2010 vs. 2010 – 2011



What's Panama's target? GEDI can help you get there....

• 52th place like PERU (0.29)

• 38<sup>th</sup> place like HONG KONG (0.34)

• 21<sup>th</sup> place like CHILE (0.45)

# **GEDI Values for 118 Counties**



Support for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship policy appears to be gaining acceptance globally

> However, a real understanding of entrepreneurship & the successful implementation of policies that actually support and lead to the development of high impact firms is rare





#### **HYPOTHESIZED MODEL**



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#### RESULTS



X<sup>2</sup>(78)=110.89 p<.05, CFI=.94, NFI=.84, TLI=.91, RMSEA=.08

X<sup>2</sup>(78)=99.04 p>.05, CFI=.97, NFI=.86, TLI=.95, RMSEA=.07



Adjusting Conducive Environment

#### HIGH-IMPACT ENTREPRENEURS



#### ENTREPRENEURS



# **Bottleneck Sensitivity Analysis**

Pillar	Pillar Increase	GEDI %	GEDI Incr.
Risk Capital	0.175	12.6%	0.057
Process Innovation	0.117	5.1%	0.023
High Growth	0.113	5.0%	0.023
Product Innovation	0.102	4.9%	0.022
Internationalisation	0.094	4.7%	0.022
Opportunity Production	0.083	1.9%	0.008
Networking	0.074	1.8%	0.008
Quality of HR	0.070	1.6%	0.007
Start-up Skills	0.064	1.6%	0.007
Tech Sector	0.057	1.4%	0.007
Cultural Support	0.046	1.4%	0.006
NonFear of Failure	0.030	1.2%	0.006
Competition	0.024	0.9%	0.004
Opportunity Startup	0.008	0.7%	0.003

# 'Optimal' Policy Portfolio

25%

		% of Additional
	Required Increase in Pillar	Effort
Opportunity Perception	0.09	7%
Start-up Skills	0.00	0%
Networking	0.09	7%
NonFear of Failure	0.00	0%
Cultural Support	0.00	0%
Opportunity Startup	0.00	0%
Tech Sector	0.00	0%
Quality of HR	0.02	2%
Competition	0.00	0%
Product Innovation	0.11	9%
Process Innovation	0.21	17%
High Growth	0.19	16%
Internationalisation	0.09	8%
Risk Capital	0.40	33%



### **Questions and Comments?**

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