

Ph.D. Thesis proposal¹

General Information		
Ph.D. Thesis Title	<i>Entrepreneurship, gender and development</i>	
USEK Doctoral Program	Business Administration	
Research Center	CIRAME	
Research Group	NA	
Research Axis	Corporate Governance, Management and Entrepreneurship	
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Location (s)	Location 1: USEK	Work shift calendar /per year (%):
	Location 2: (if applicable)	Work shift calendar /per year (%):
Potential funding and scholarship	n.a.	

Applicant Profile and/or Special Requirements	The candidate should be fluent in English, have strong research as well as analytical skills, and a good understanding in epistemology and social science theory (e.g. social constructivism, standpoint theory)	
Comps Exam Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/> French <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English

Context of the Topic & Scientific Methods <i>(Research impact, objectives, design, methods, and outputs)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and entrepreneurship/ innovation • Entrepreneurship, empowerment and development • Entrepreneurship development and sustainable development goals (SDGs) • Gender inequality and entrepreneurship <p>The research focus will be on theory development and related qualitative methods</p>

Outcomes (OCs) : What do we wish to achieve?	
OC1:	Production of original research
OC2:	Contributing to relevant research fields
OC3 :	Expanding the boundaries of knowledge in relevant research field
OC4 :	Developing theory based on local and regional context

References (R) (5 most recent peer-reviewed publications in the field)

¹ Thesis proposal should not exceed two pages

R1:	Bastian, B., Metcalfe, B.D., Zali, M.R., 2019, Gender Inequality: Entrepreneurship Development in the MENA Region. <i>Sustainability</i> , 11(22), 6472, https://doi.org/10.3390/su11226472
R2:	Bastian, B., Y. Sidani, Y. El Amine†, 2018, Women Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa: A Review of Knowledge areas and Research Gaps, <i>Gender in Management</i> , 33(1), p. 14-29. (†Research Assistant)
R3 :	Bastian, B., C.L. Tucci, 2017, Entrepreneurial advice sources and their antecedents: venture stage, innovativeness and internationalization, <i>Journal of Enterprising Communities: People and Places in the Global Economy</i> , vol. 11, issue 4.
R4 :	Bastian, B., M.R. Zali, S., 2016, Entrepreneurial motives and their antecedents of men and women in North Africa and the Middle East, <i>Gender in Management</i> , vol. 31, issue 7, pp. 456 – 478
R5 :	Bastian, B., M.R. Zali, S., 2016, The Impact of Institutions for Social Network Choices and Entrepreneurial Performance, <i>Small Enterprise Research, Special Issue on Exploring Entrepreneurial Activity in Context</i> , vol. 23, 2016, pp. 151-171, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13215906.2016.1221361