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Drawing upon current cutting-edge theories, knowledge and research findings, this Handbook provides an analysis of the interaction between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), entrepreneurs and financial institutions globally. The contributors consider regional and international perspectives within and between Europe, North America, New Zealand, the Middle East, as well as South, Central and East Asia on a chapter-by-chapter basis. In so doing, they provide a contextualized, up-to-date snapshot of research into entrepreneurial finance across the world.

‘This book of readings provides a fresh perspective on a problem that has challenged researchers and policymakers for nearly a century. It is well-established that SMEs face problems in raising finance that differ from those faced by large firms. What this book does is to investigate how the nature and scale of these problems vary between diverse countries, and against the backdrop of the Global Economic Crisis. I commend both the individual articles and the Editors’ research and policy recommendations.’
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‘Across a range of country contexts, this Handbook highlights a number of important issues associated with the provision of funding to establish and grow new ventures, as well as enabling businesses to survive difficult economic times, such as the period following the GFC. This scholarly collection of both quantitative and qualitative studies covers a variety of topics, including access to microfinancing in Kazakhstan and the role of VC investors in promoting the internationalization of Canadian businesses.’
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