A Research Agenda for Family Business
A Way Ahead for the Field

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This exciting Research Agenda expertly addresses the question: What will be important within the family business field and for family businesses in practice over the next decade?

Top international contributors explore farsighted theories, methods and topics, often taking a multi-disciplinary approach in order to outline the potential routes for further advancing family business research. Chapters cover the significance of new family trends, entrepreneurial legacy, board diversity, spatial-familiness, corruption, innovation and digital business transformation, challenging core assumptions surrounding the family business phenomenon and mapping the future of the discipline.

‘This is an inspiring book – it offers an interesting agenda for future research on family business. It comprehensively covers the domain of the field, emerging research areas, innovative theories, and promising research methods. Written by a diverse group of scholars from 17 countries, the book brings together rich insights that promise to fuel innovative scholarship. Its message is timely and impactful.’
– Shaker A. Zahra, University of Minnesota, US

‘In impressive fashion, the study of family firms has gone through a phase of rapid growth towards establishing itself as a distinct area of study. It is the overlap and cross pollination with a wide array of more established fields of research that turns the family business field into a rich opportunity for new, exciting research. In working towards this goal, the present book is an excellent guidepost and source of inspiration. Its broad coverage of topics, delivered by established and more junior scholars from around the world, makes it a fascinating contribution for anybody who wishes to move beyond what we know, and towards uncharted, exciting research opportunities.’
– Thomas Zellweger, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

‘Amidst the new realities of our world, ranging from invisible viruses that pause humanity to the changing concept of family and community, I applaud the efforts of Professor Andrea Calabrò and forty-six notable scholars to identify a multi-disciplinary agenda for family business research. Interested scholars will draw inspiring ideas for meaningful research directions, while business families and policy makers eager to support the development of usable knowledge on family enterprises will appreciate efficient chapter summaries. Thesis students will add this book to their must-read lists.’
– Pramodita Sharma, University of Vermont and Northwestern University, US