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## University-Industry Collaborations and Academic Entrepreneurship: East Meets West

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**Message from the Guest Editors** 

Dear Colleagues,

The social and economic benefits of converting academic research into practical applications are undisputable. Hence, the issue of science commercialization is receiving considerable interest among policy makers and scholars across many fields. Two distinct literatures, examining the intersections between scientific research and commercial application, relate to university-industry collaboration and academic entrepreneurship. Research on such topics shares many of the same underlying issues, yet those topics are rarely considered jointly and these literatures seldom refer to each other. With this special issue we aim to bring together scholars from both domains to start filling these gaps. We look for contributions to advance theoretical development and empirical understanding of innovation and entrepreneurship involving university research, with a particular emphasis on comparative interinstitutional cross-country perspectives.

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