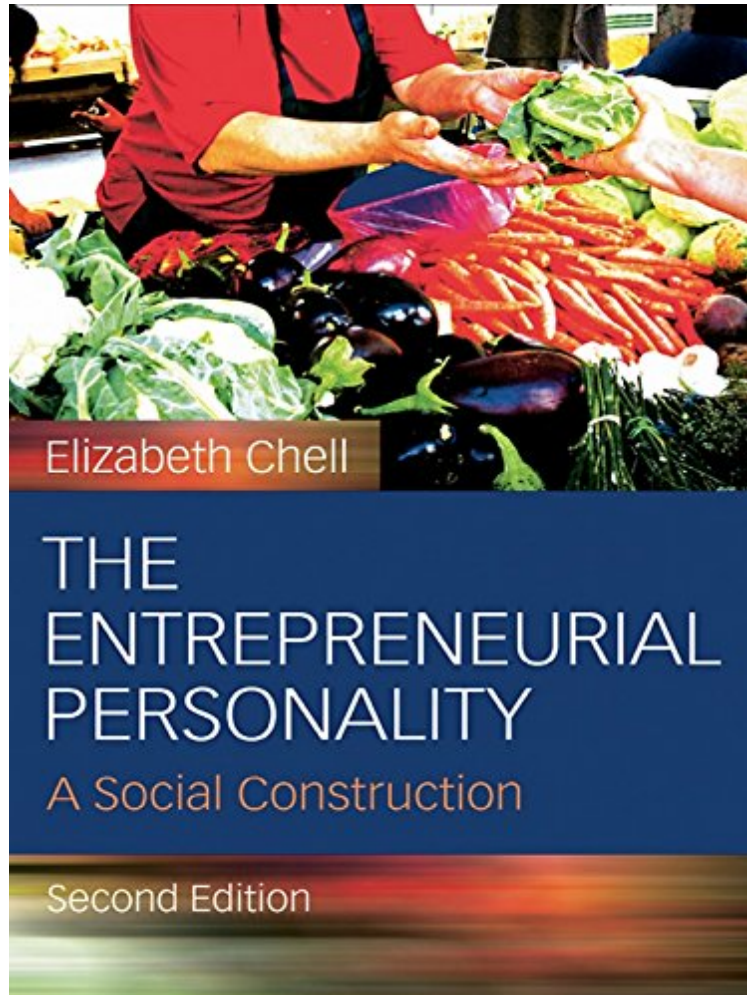


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Is there such a thing as an 'entrepreneurial personality'? What makes someone an entrepreneur is a question that has intrigued the lay person and the scholar for many years, but can such a personality be identified or is it simply a socially constructed phenomenon? Elizabeth Chell pursues an alternative line of argument: to show that the entrepreneurial personality is, on the one hand, socially constructed, but on the other hand, presents consistency in behaviours, skills and competencies. This second edition of the highly acclaimed The Entrepreneurial Personality revisits the topic and updates the evidence from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The book carefully weaves together the arguments and views from economists, sociologists and psychologists in order to develop a strong conceptual

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'Elizabeth Chell's book has all the hallmarks of a classic. The comprehensive approach to understanding the exciting phenomenon of entrepreneurship is well informed, insightful and carefully crafted. This text is likely to become a must read for all, students and academics alike, who want to grasp the theoretical underpinnings of being enterprising.'

Alistair R Anderson, Aberdeen Business School, UK

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