**Cover Letter**

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Attached is our manuscript “*Imagination in Entrepreneurship: An Inspiration from Heidegger*" for consideration of publication at the Journal of Psychological Research. We confirm that the manuscript has been read by all authors, that the requirements for authorship have been met and that each author believes that the manuscript represents honest work.

Our research focuses on the entrepreneur’s imagination using the thought of Martin Heidegger, who is a prominent figure in continental philosophy of the 20th century. Over the last decade, scholars have identified the value of Heidegger’s ideas in the context of management research. Key authors have published conceptual papers exploring the thought of Heidegger. For example, Bakken et al (2013) propose distinct constructs of time and play using Heidegger's arguments. Hernes *et al*. (2013) further extend this idea of time in Heidegger's thought and apply it to managing self and others. Skoldberg (1998) also draws on Heidegger's notion of Care and Being, to emphasize the potential of poetic interpretations in organizations and for management structures.

The submitted manuscript adds to this line of argument by proposing a Heideggerrean framework to expound the entrepreneur’s behavioral tendencies in relation to the power of imagination. This has enlightened a new perspective in entrepreneurship and drawn on the notions webs of significance, authenticity, spontaneity, heroes and moods, which guide opportunity identification and exploration in markets. In the context of limited but promising progress, we believe this is a timely introduction of Heidegger's thought in the stream of entrepreneurship research. Such knowledge not only helps to search for continuous improvement of entrepreneurial performance, but also introduces a new stream of entrepreneurship research in the context of calls for further inquiry into the advantages of Heidegger’s thought for management research. The highlight of the manuscript includes:

* Entrepreneurship research has undervalued the role of imagination, and Heidegger provides a new perspective on entrepreneurs imagination;
* Authenticity facilitates creatively imagined practice in markets;
* Markets need spontaneous image representation to surpass constraints of deductive and inductive logics;
* In the face of death, heroes are needed as entrepreneurs and for aspiring entrepreneurs who dwell through moods and build creative resolution to issues.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this manuscript and look forward to your feedback.

Best Regards,

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