



A study on effects of system thinking and decision-making styles over entrepreneurship skills

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ABSTRACT

Entrepreneurship has an uncertain environment requiring several abilities to achieve the goal. The article explores the effects of individuals' system thinking level, decision-making styles and family background on their entrepreneurial skills. In the study relational screening model is used as a research method. The sample group of the study consists of 65 students of the 4th grade students of a private university in Istanbul, Turkey in 2019. Three questionnaires have been applied and descriptive statistics and all the other tests have been conducted by using SPSS 26 to examine the extent of involvement, significance, direction and degree of the relationships. The results show that there is a positive moderate significant ($r = 0.542$) relationship between individuals' entrepreneurship skill and system thinking level. Also a positive low level relationship ($r = 0.374$ $p < 0.05$) has been detected between entrepreneurship skills and vigilance type of decision-making style. Negative low level of relationships ($r = -0.123$ and $r = -0.244$, $p < 0.05$) among entrepreneurship skills, hypervigilance and procrastination types of decision-making styles. Moreover, no significant relationship has been found among entrepreneurship skills, parental education/job status and entrepreneurship experience/history in the family supporting the idea that entrepreneurship is a learnable skill rather than an innate skill.

1. INTRODUCTION

Economic and social challenges all around the world motivates the idea of developing more entrepreneurial activities. Entrepreneurship can be realized with individuals that can approach complex problems and events in a holistic framework and make the right decisions. Decision-making is to select the optimum one out of several options (Saaty, 2008). Individuals' innate abilities in decision-making process are very important and effective parameters. On the other hand, system thinking approach puts forward every action taken may or will have an effect on the other parts of a system. System thinking approach may give guidance individuals while they are producing solutions to the problems encountered. Besides, it is aimed to investigate whether the family experience and back-ground on entrepreneurship has an effect on both of these skills. In the literature, it is stated that "entrepreneurship, system thinking and decision-making are the features that can be developed with education" which should motivate education institutions to develop education programs to

foster these abilities for our world's mutual benefits (Davidsson, 2006).

To reveal the interactions among family background, decision-making styles, system thinking on entrepreneurship skills, three questionnaires were applied to sample group and the results were analyzed in the application part of the study. Results of the study supported the idea that the entrepreneurship skill is not innate and can be improved by education activities. Similarly, it is found that there is a significant relation among entrepreneurship skills, system thinking and vigilance, hypervigilance and procrastination type of decision-making styles. No significant interaction with buck passing type of decision-making style was detected.

1.1. Entrepreneurship Education

Richard Cantillon, the father of entrepreneurial thinking, put forward the concept of entrepreneurial thinking in the 17th century against ambiguity (Patel and Mehta 2016). He defined entrepreneurship as self-employment of any kind. Entrepreneurs buy in the present and sell at uncertain prices in the future

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(Cantillon, 1775). The key term in his definition was ambiguity. Casson (2010) stated that “after about a century, Adam Smith described entrepreneurial thinking as a frugal and slow but steady progress agent for accumulating capital”. However, Michaels (2012) explained in his study that “entrepreneurship can be thought like any other subject. Above all, entrepreneurial thinking is a mindset that emphasizes learning about the opportunity and making use of the situation in a unique way”.

For this reason, Henry *et al.* (2003) put forward that “education and training programs constitutes a major role in training future entrepreneurs and developing the skills of existing entrepreneurs”. Gibb (1987) stated that “although the entrepreneurship has cultural and experimental portions, it can be improved gradually by education”. Traditional entrepreneurship carries risks (McGrath, 1995; McGrath, 2000). Therefore, it is necessary to make the right decision for successful entrepreneurship. For the right decision, system thinking skills are needed, which allow to look at the events and problems from multiple perspectives. Entrepreneurship education is considered as an education model to change attitudes, trends and motivations.

Studies report that the traditional entrepreneurship approach should change. According to this understanding, entrepreneurship should be developed with new education and training techniques. Among these techniques, the development of thinking skills, mentoring and group work are widely accepted. Implementation is required for project management and development of budget skills. Therefore, according to Kalyani and Kumar (2011) “it is increasingly recognized that teaching entrepreneurship skills should include interactive teaching requiring skillful instructors”.

Whether or not entrepreneurship is innate is a controversial issue. Despite common view that entrepreneurs are innate, there are also the other studies claiming entrepreneurship is a skill to learn. Drucker (1985) described that “entrepreneurship is a discipline and has been reported to be learnable like any other discipline”. According to this view, it is necessary to review the entrepreneurship trainings given at universities in the training of entrepreneurial individuals, including active methods.

According to Gibb (2011), the entrepreneurship education needs to be changed since the traditional entrepreneurship model can no longer be applied to the modern business environment. Entrepreneurship education is emphasized more by the relevant field experts Berglund and Wennberg (2006), Patr and Karahan (2010) which are important for the factors that determine entrepreneurship. It is stated that entrepreneurship education increases individuals' chances of becoming a successful entrepreneur, increases the level of knowledge by developing understanding and awareness of entrepreneurship, and promotes positive attitude and tendency. This understanding emphasizes the understanding that entrepreneurs are not born and that they are prone to education. Entrepreneurship education draws attention to the view that it supports young entrepreneur candidates to reveal entrepreneurial potential and

encourages them to start their own businesses (Guzmán and Liñán 2005). All these research results point out entrepreneurship training to be provided at various educational levels and types starting from an early age in developing entrepreneurship trends. In this sense, big tasks fall for the decision-makers on the subject in terms of effective policies they will produce to realize them.

Entrepreneurship is the power of economy, the source of discovery and imagination. In countries where there is no entrepreneurship or insufficiency, the level of economic welfare is low (Mueller, 2011). The rapid increase in globalization and competition, the inability of governments to provide appropriate funds for higher education, the increase in the need for qualified manpower and many other factors require universities to turn into an entrepreneurial structure (Greenspan and Rosan 2006).

1.2. System Thinking Skills

System thinking can be defined as an approach for examining and understanding complex problems from a holistic perspective (Orgill *et al.*, 2019). Evagorou *et al.* (2009) described system thinking as “a method of seeing systems from a broad perspective”. Dori and Sillitto (2017) stated in their study that “complexity decision-making, especially with holistic or system approach. The holistic approach of system thinking is claimed to improve the quality of decision processes”. The system provides communication and collaboration with a holistic perspective on the basis of thinking. System thinking has been reported to be effective in giving a holistic perspective to a problem. The basic idea behind the system thinking to break down the whole into sub elements and study the interactions of elements (Patel and Mehta 2016).

To understand the system thinking, first thing is to define the system. System; is a group that consists of interdependent and interconnected units, consisting of different sections and established according to a general plan, and is oriented towards the purpose to achieve a certain result. Systems in engineering are fundamental, and natural events in science can be defined as systems. In engineering, systems are grouped into three sub-categories: function (benefit), structure (form) and behavior (dynamics) (Dori and Sillitto 2017) System thinking is a systematic evaluation of understanding the situation, taking into account of system perspective (Assaraf and Orion 2005).

According to Long (2012) “in engineering, design and system thinking can be used together. System thinking is sometimes described as a component of design thinking”. Scientists have emphasized the importance of system thinking approach in entrepreneurship education (Forrester, 2007). System thinking is necessary to increase the ability of societies to understand the system, find to the problems encountered bearing in mind the side effects of the solutions. Verhoeff *et al.*, (2008) revealed that “system thinking ability is accepted as a higher level of thinking skill that is essential for understanding concepts and principles in science and engineering”. It has been reported that system thinking skills are necessary for understanding complex events

and solving complex problems. In addition, it has been explained that thinking of the system requires more than innovation and entrepreneurship skills (Evagorou *et al.*, (2009).

1.3. Decision-Making Styles

Everybody gives many decisions every time in his or her daily life. Some of them lead desired results, some of the others give undesirable results (Haan, 2010). Generally, decision-making includes a group of people or organizations rather than a person. Sustainable development means prosperity for today's society and future generations. Today, problems faced for sustainability development are quite complex. In order to solve these complex problems, decision-making and problems must be viewed from multiple perspectives (Arvai *et al.*, 2004). Engineering can be considered as a complex process that consists of a successive decisions and does not compromise (Hernandez *et al.*, 1998). Today's ambiguous and complex environment necessitates people and organizations to make better decisions to maintain competitive advantage.

Interdisciplinary approaches are important in educational activities, as real-world decisions often involve more than one area (Solomon and Aikenhead, 1994). From this perspective, students need to be equipped with more skills before entering the labor market or industrial society. However, in educational institutions, students are not properly equipped to solve and decide on disciplinary problems such as sociological issues, engineering and design skills (Zeidler *et al.*, 2009). Scientific decision-making is important in developing students' learning abilities, scientific literacy, conceptual understanding, scientific research, attitude and social values. Sadler and Zeidler (2005) stated that "rapid changes are created in our lives with science. In order to keep up with this speed, rational thinking and information technology of learners should be equipped with the decision-making abilities".

Saaty (2008) divides decision-making processes into two, intuitively and analytically. Intuitive decisions are not supported by data and are generally made arbitrarily. In some simple, depth-free decision situations, the intuitive approach can be successful. However, when faced with complex decision situations requiring information, decision makers can see that their decisions ultimately deviate from their own value judgments. Contrary to what has been believed for a long time nowadays, it has become a "science" rather than an "art". Yesilyaprak (2003) expressed that "decision-making activity is affected by both emotional and cognitive features". Decision-making style affects a person's approach, reactions and actions in a decision-making process (Thunholm, 2009).

Today, companies have seen innovation as an imperative to survive in competitive environments. Entrepreneurship and decision making skills are very important for the development of innovation (Gelderen and Masurel 2012). Although there are important studies on the development of these skills in the literature, there are no studies examining them all together.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

2.1. The Second Level Headings

The main problem of the study constitutes the question; Is there a relationship among entrepreneurship skills, system thinking and decision-making styles? The sub-problems are defined as below:

1. Is there a relationship between entrepreneurship skills and system thinking levels?
2. Is there a relationship between entrepreneurship skills and decision-making styles?
3. Is there a relationship between system thinking levels and decision-making styles?
4. Is there a relation between entrepreneurship skills and parents' education levels?
5. Is there a relationship between entrepreneurship skills and parents' jobs?
6. Is there a relationship between entrepreneurship skills and families' entrepreneurship history or experiences?

2.2. Model of the Research

In the study relational screening model was used as research method. The screening model is all of the processes that describe a situation as it exists in the past or present, and is applied to realize learning and to develop desired behaviors in the individual. In the general screening model, in a universe consisting of a large number of elements, in order to make a general judgment about the universe, the entire universe or a group of samples to be taken from it is scanned. The relational screening model aims to put forward the existence of co-variation among parameters. The goal of this study is to investigate the impact levels of family history and experiences about entrepreneurship, decision-making styles and system thinking levels on individuals' entrepreneurship skills.

2.3. Study Group

Sample group of the study consisted of 65 students of the 4th grade students of a university in Istanbul, Turkey in 2019. In experimental studies it is advised that the sample group shall be at least 30 (Gay, 1996) which sample size of the study meets criterion. Students in the study group were selected on a voluntary basis.

2.4. Data Collection Tools

2.4.1. Entrepreneurship questionnaire

In the study, a 25-item entrepreneurship questionnaire developed by Kashif *et al.* (2016) was used to determine the level of entrepreneurship. Five-point Likert-type questionnaire was used. There are no inverse questions in the test. Cronbach's alpha coefficient was determined by using SPSS as 0.89 (N=100) for the reliability of the questionnaire (Kashif *et al.*, 2016).

2.4.2. System thinking skill questionnaire

A 20-item questionnaire developed by Moore *et al.* (2010) to test system thinking skill. Five-point Likert-

type questionnaire was used. There are no inverse questions in the test. reliability and validity were assessed. Moore *et al.* (2010) conducted test and retest reliability evaluation (n=36) resulting a correlation of 0.74 and internal consistency testing (n=342) Cronbach's alpha coefficient of 0.89.

2.4.3. Decision-making styles questionnaire

Decision-making styles were tested by "Melbourne Decision-Making Questionnaire" developed by Mann *et al.* (2014). The scale has 22 items and measures decision-making styles. It has 4 sub-scales as "Vigilance type of decision-making", "Hypervigilance type of decision making", "Procrastination type of decision-making" and "Buck Passing type of decision-making". Validity and reliability of the questionnaire were tested by Deniz (2004). Content validity was performed using similar scales validity method and expert opinion was consulted. Reliability of the questionnaire was calculated by repetition of the questionnaire and internal consistency methods. The repetition of the questionnaire was applied to 56 university students twice at three-week intervals and reliability coefficients were between $r = 0.68$ and $r = 0.87$. Internal consistency coefficients of the test applied to 154 university students were calculated as; vigilance type 0.80, hypervigilance type 0.78, procrastination type 0.65 and buck passing type 0.71.

2.5. Data Analysis

Entrepreneurship questionnaire, was organized with a 5-point Likert-type rating and consisted of 25 questions. Scale was calculated as "Most of the Time" (4 points), "Often" (3 points), "Some of the time" (2 points), "Seldom" (1 point) and "Never" (0 point). Total number is computed by adding up the points for each question. It can range from 0 to 100.

System thinking skill questionnaire was organized with a 5-point Likert-type rating and consisted of 20 questions. Scale was calculated as "Most of the Time" (4 points), "Often" (3 points), "Some of the time" (2 points), "Seldom" (1 point) and "Never" (0 point). Total number is computed by adding up the points for each question. It can range from 0 to 80.

Decision-making styles questionnaire has 4 sub-scales. It is organized with a 3-point Likert-type rating and consisted of 22 questions. Scale was calculated as "Right" (2 points), "Sometimes Right" (1 point), "Not Right" (0 point).

Vigilance Type of Decision-Making: It is the situation where the individual searches the necessary information carefully before giving a decision and makes a selection after carefully judging all the alternatives. It is expressed in six items (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) in the questionnaire.

Hypervigilance Type of Decision-Making: is the situation where the individual refrains from making decisions, lets the giving decision to others, and therefore tries to avoid the decision by transferring responsibility to someone else. This factor is expressed in six items (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) in the questionnaire.

Procrastination Type of Decision-Making: It is the state of the individual to postpone the decision, delay it

and drag it without an acceptable reason. It is expressed in five items (13, 14, 15, 16, 17) in the questionnaire.

Buck Passing Type of Decision-Making: When an individual is confronted with a decision situation, he or she feels hasty behavior under time pressure and tries to reach fast answers. It is expressed in five items (18, 19, 20, 21, 22) in the questionnaire.

3. RESULTS

In this study, test results are given in the tables below.

Table 1-3 contain information about the individuals' family background information. These data were used to reveal the individuals' family background and experience over their entrepreneurship skills.

According to Table 4, the reliability coefficient of the entrepreneurship questionnaire is 0.703; The reliability coefficient of the Melbourne decision-making styles questionnaire was 0.815 and the reliability coefficient of the system thinking questionnaire was found as 0.707. The reliability coefficient of 0.70 and above indicates that the measurement tool used is reliable and has internal consistency between items (Nunnally and Bernstein 1994).

Normality analysis test results of the questionnaires at 95% confidence interval, it was understood that the data showed normal distribution characteristics. Then t-Tests were conducted to understand whether there are significant relationships among them for each of the sub-problem questions of the study.

According to t- test results for mother education status, father education, mother job status and father job status shown in Table 5 since all p, sig. (2-tailed) values are larger than $p = 0.05$, it is understood that there is no significant relationship between university students' entrepreneurship skills and their parents' education and job status (sub-problem 4 and 5). It is not needed to apply further correlation tests to this category. Similarly, according to the results about family entrepreneurship experiences or history shown in Table 5, since p, sig. (2-tailed) = 0.018 value is less than $p = 0.05$, it is understood that there is a significant relationship between university students' entrepreneurship skills and family entrepreneurship experiences (sub-problem 6).

The results of Table 5 for system thinking indicated that there is a significant relation between individuals' system thinking and entrepreneurship skills (sub-problem 1) with the statistics of p value, sig. (2-tailed) = 0.004.

When the t-test results for four types of decision-making styles in Table 5 are analyzed, it is understood that there is a significant relationship among students' entrepreneurship skills, system thinking levels, vigilance, hypervigilance and procrastination types of decision-making styles (sub-problem 2 and 3) because p, sig. (2-tailed) values are found as 0.042, 0.024 and 0,036 lower than $p = 0.05$ respectively. However, there is no significant relation between students' entrepreneurship skills and buck passing type of decision-making style since p, sig. (2-tailed) = 0.334 value is greater than $p = 0.05$.

According to the correlation analysis test results shown in Table 6, a significant medium-level relationship was found between system thinking level and entrepreneurship skill ($r = 0.542$, $p < 0.05$). This relationship is important to understand the interaction between system thinking level and entrepreneurship skill respectively.

Similarly, when Table 6 is examined for entrepreneurship skill and decision-making styles, a positive low level relationship ($r = 0.374$ and $r = 0.225$, $p < 0.05$) was detected between university students' entrepreneurship skills and vigilance type of decision-making style. A positive relationship between vigilance type of decision-making and entrepreneurship skill refers to an expected situation. However, negative low level relationship ($r = -0.123$ and $r = -0.244$, $p < 0.05$) among individuals' entrepreneurship skills, hyper vigilance and procrastination types of decision-making styles were found this situation is reasonable as entrepreneurship relies on taking risks, being courageous and taking initiative naturally. Relationship with buck passing decision-making style was found as insignificant.

When the results of Table 6 are analyzed for system thinking and decision-making styles, a moderate positive

correlation ($r = 0.403$, $p < 0.05$) was detected between the system thinking ability and vigilance decision-making style. This can be interpreted as if a person has a high level of system thinking skill then he /she may also have a careful(vigilance) decision-making style and vice versa. The other types of decision-making styles were found insignificant.

Table 1. Parent education status

Education Status		
Primary	High School	University
39	59	32

Table 2. Parent job status

Job Status				
Unemployed	Freelancer	Public	Private	Retired
44	35	28	15	8

Table 3. Entrepreneurship Experience in the Family

Family Entrepreneurship Experience / History	
Yes	No
14	51

Table 4. Cronbach's alpha values resulted from the reliability analysis of the questionnaires

	Item Number	Cronbach alpha coefficient
Entrepreneurship Questionnaire	25	0.703
Melbourne Decision Making Questionnaire	22	0.815
System Thinking Skill Questionnaire	20	0.707

Table 5. t-Test results

Variables	N	\bar{X}	Ss	P*
Family Background				
Mother Education Status	65	84.636	6.028	0.708
Father Education Status	65	84.275	6.204	0.795
Mother Job Status	65	83.909	7.082	0.693
Father Job Status	65	84.586	5.292	0.271
Family Entrepreneurship Experiences	65	86.785	3.786	0.018
System Thinking				
System Thinking Levels	65	84.107	6.307	0.004
Decision-Making Styles				
Vigilance Decision-Making Style	65	10.153	1.864	0.042
Hypervigilance Decision-Making Style	65	3.830	2.982	0.024
Procrastination Decision-Making Style	65	4.230	2.691	0.036
Buck Passing Decision-Making Style	65	5.246	6.920	0.334

* $p < 0,05$

Table 6. Correlation analysis test results

Variables	N	r^*
Entrepreneurship Skills vs System Thinking Levels	65	0.542
Entrepreneurship Skills vs Family Entrepreneurship Experiences	65	-0.224
Entrepreneurship Skills vs Vigilance Decision-Making Style	65	0.374
Entrepreneurship Skills vs Hypervigilance Decision-Making Style	65	-0.123
Entrepreneurship Skills vs Procrastination Decision-Making Style	65	-0.244
Entrepreneurship Skills vs Buck Passing Decision-Making Style	65	-
System Thinking Level vs Vigilance Decision-Making Style	65	0.403
System Thinking Level vs Hypervigilance Decision-Making Style	65	-
System Thinking Level vs Procrastination Decision-Making Style	65	-
System Thinking Level vs Buck Passing Decision-Making Style	65	-

$p < 0,05$

*Pearson correlation

4. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

In this study, the relationships among entrepreneurial skills, system thinking level, decision-making styles and family education status, the presence of entrepreneurial history/experience in the family were examined.

4.1. Entrepreneurship and System Thinking

When the findings obtained in the study are analyzed, it is determined that there is a positive medium-level significant ($r = 0.542$) relationship between entrepreneurship skill and system thinking level. This shows that the more system thinking ability increases, the more entrepreneurship ability increases. It can be deduced that the development of any of the training activities will affect the other reciprocally.

It is stated in the literature that system thinking skills are effective in developing entrepreneurship skills. Today, problems have become increasingly complex. System thinking skills that require interdisciplinary, holistic and in-depth thinking come to the fore in solving these complex problems (Pagani and Otto 2013). Carlman *et al.*, 2014 stated that “holistic approach also increases the quality of decision processes in entrepreneurship”. While making the system thinking approach, the decision-making process will help make the right decisions in turbulent and crisis environments. In order to develop entrepreneurship skills of individuals, it is recommended to use system thinking methods that encourages problem solving and innovation, from active learning methods (Hall *et al.*, 2002; Pappas *et al.*, 2012; Freeman *et al.*, 2014).

Interdisciplinary approaches are important in educational practices; as real-world decisions often involve more than one area. From this perspective, individuals need to be equipped with more skills before entering the labor market or industrial society. However, in educational institutions, students are not properly equipped to solve and decide on interdisciplinary problems such as life-based sociological issues, engineering and design skills (Zeidler *et al.*, 2009). Sadler and Zeidler (2005) stated that “rapid changes are created in our lives with science. In order to keep up with this speed, rational thinking and information technology of learners should be equipped with the ability to make decisions based on the data”.

4.2. Entrepreneurship and Decision-Making Styles

According to the data obtained, while there was a significant relationship among vigilance, hypervigilance and procrastination decision-making styles; In the buck passing decision-making style, no significant relationship was found. A low-level positive correlation ($r = 0.374$, $p < 0.05$) was detected between entrepreneurship skill and vigilance type of decision-making style. Studies have reported that it provides practical information on how to take advantage of effective decision-making processes in entrepreneurship (Rayawan and Efrata 2017). Sustainable development means prosperity for today's society and future generations. The problems faced by entrepreneurs for sustainable development are quite

complex. In order to solve these complex problems, decision-making and problems should be viewed from multiple perspectives (Haan, 2010; Arvai *et al.*, 2004). Scientific decision-making is important in developing individuals' learning abilities, scientific literacy, conceptual understanding, scientific research, attitude and social values.

4.3. Entrepreneurship Skills and Family Background

After the tests, no significant relationship between entrepreneurship skill and parental education/job status was found. This result was interpreted as the education and work status of the family have no effect on entrepreneurship skill. This indicates that individuals may have entrepreneurial skills independent of their families' socio-demographic and occupational status. It gives the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills through education. According to the results, a significant opposite low-level ($r = -0.224$) relationship was found between entrepreneurship skill and family entrepreneurship experience. In order to explain this situation, the questionnaire questions were re-examined and it was understood that unsuccessful entrepreneurship experiences were frequently expressed in the free texts written by the participants and this situation might have caused this negative relationship.

In the literature review, it has been reported that entrepreneurship education is more important than the features that come from the family, which is a traditional approach of developing entrepreneurship. These results indicate that, depending on the entrepreneurship training received, entrepreneur candidates' attitudes towards entrepreneurship, perceptions of convenience and feasibility to become entrepreneurs, and thus entrepreneurship tendencies can increase positively. According to Korkmaz, (2012), entrepreneurship education is stated to be one of the most important factors especially in the formation of attitudes and behaviors of young entrepreneur candidates towards becoming entrepreneur. Matlay, (2008) determined that “entrepreneurship education had a positive effect on the individual's tendency towards entrepreneurship and increased it significantly”. Some researches like Mueller (2011), Fayolle and Gailly 2013 and Miller *et al.*, 2009 indicated that “there is a positive and significant relationship between entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurship tendency and sub-dimensions, supporting the results obtained from this research”. Graevenitz *et al.* (2010) suggested that “to start at an early age in developing entrepreneurial skills”.

With the assessment of entrepreneurship as a discipline, the view that entrepreneurship is innate has changed and the view of entrepreneurship through education has started to be accepted. Drucker (1985) reported that “entrepreneurship is not a magic, a mystery, it is a subject and can be learned”. This judgment reached on entrepreneurship has changed the perspective and stated the opinions that entrepreneurship education can be done (Kuratko 2003). In line with the ideas that entrepreneurship is

learnable, research and studies on entrepreneurship education have started.

As a result; Today's global environment, forces everybody to take steps toward developing entrepreneurial skills at every level to sustain competitive advantage in the business environment. Entrepreneurship, system thinking skills and decision-making processes are very important for the development of innovation. It is recommended to include active teaching programs for the development of these three skills in universities and the other institutions. A future study will be useful to compare with initial results after completing entrepreneurship and system thinking education. New studies on entrepreneurship, system thinking skills and decision-making styles in the covid-19 pandemic period may be helpful to understand the interactions among them better in telecommuting and e-learning environment.

Conflicts of interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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