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Creativity and innovation are widely recognized concepts of the new business approaches of the contemporary economy, which pushes companies to search for new ways to survive on the market. They are all vital in coming up with strategies to build a competitive advantage and, at the same time, build the organization's sustainable future. This paper examines the literature on innovation and creativity as forms of organizational development. The selected literature is analyzed by illustrating how it informs business strategies. Thus, by analyzing case studies and empirical and theoretical works, we are to find ways to resolve the issue and reveal the factors influencing the proper use of innovation and creativity in organizations to achieve strategic goals. The findings of this research will be useful for recommending further legitimization and application of these factors in business activity to improve performance and maintain competitiveness.

**Literature Review**

**Chakim, M. H. R., Albar, F. M., Pinem, D., Putri, S. E., & Cakranegara, P. A. (2022). From Creativity to Innovation: An Entrepreneur Strategic Management for Business Development. *Budapest International Research and Critics Institute (BIRCI-Journal): Humanities and Social Sciences*, *5*(1).**

Chakim et al. (2022) study the role of strategic management in transitioning from creativity to actionable innovation. They have emphasized the importance of strategic management based on the fact that authors of good ideas require efficient ways of implementing those ideas into mere products. Successful organizations are those that create an environment to support creativity but also know how to manage the creation successfully.

The study thus emphasizes the role played by strategic management practices for developing and applying creativity and innovation. Therefore, although the research is committed to understanding how creativity can be managed and applied towards business advancement, it provides some great avenues for learning that pertain to the factors that foster creativity. Chakim et al. (2022) stress the fact that this transition type should be managed consciously to meet business goals and fully unlock the potential of innovative concepts. Thus, their findings show that creativity and innovation need to be systematic in order to achieve strategic objectives and maintain competitive advantage.

**Farida, I., & Setiawan, D. (2022). Business strategies and competitive advantage: the role of performance and innovation. Journal of Open Innovation: Technology, Market, and Complexity, 8(3), 163.**

Farida and Setiawan (2022) analyze the concept of innovation by assessing the idea's importance in achieving a competitive advantage that drives business performance. Based on their study, they conclude that innovation should be integrated into the business plans and frameworks for firms that want to prosper and perform distinctively in competitive environments. Innovation is a proposed element of strategic management, which enables the firm to make changes in the market in relation to competitors. Innovation should be integrated into the strategies of firms so that competence in handling change can be created continually.

The study insists that innovation output is a tool that helps businesses sustain their competitive advantage since they continuously improve their performance level and adapt to the ever-changing market environment. According to Farida and Setiawan (2022), innovation should become an inherent part of business processes because of its impact on performance and ability to respond to changing contexts. Thus, their results highlight the relevance of innovation as one of the most valuable long-term strategies for companies; the authors prove that those companies that are focused on creating innovations are capable of being more successful and leading in the constantly transforming market environment.

**Kodama, M., & Shibata, T. (2014). Strategy transformation through strategic innovation capability: A case study of Fanuc. R&D Management, 44(1), 75–103.**

Strategic innovation capabilities are discussed by Kodama and Shibata (2014) to understand how firms can transform their business strategies, with reference to its case study of Fanuc, which deals in industrial robots. Their research focuses on the fact that innovation in the market is the key to continuing to remain on top. Strategic innovation capability is, therefore, defined as the number of new strategies and the organization's capacity to implement these in order to improve its competitive position. Regarding Fanuc, such capability helped to break strategic management's vicious cycle and achieve the company's goals even in the conditions of competitive threats that appeared by further developing and implementing new strategies.

The present research also stresses that the strategic innovation capability does not only ease the firm through the change in the market but also paves the path towards sustainability with reference to the technology trajectory. Fanuc's approach shows that constant innovation can be an effective way of sustaining competitive advantage for firms, thus fostering growth in an ever-emerging market. This paper has shown through the use of Fanuc Corporation how strategic innovation is a critical component of sustaining competitive advantage and future business success based on the company's consistent efforts in developing new strategies and harnessing technology.

**Shi, Y., Yuan, T., Bell, R., & Wang, J. (2020). Investigating the relationship between creativity and entrepreneurial intention: the moderating role of creativity in the theory of planned behavior.**

Shi et al. (2020) extend their study by exploring the role of creativity in influencing entrepreneurial intentions while integrating their results into the theory of planned behavior. Their research highlights that creativity is an important factor that affects entrepreneurial intentions as well as alters the ways in which individuals and organizations view and address innovation and strategies. Creativity, as observed with business outcomes, has a direct or indirect relationship depending on how it is deployed when solving problems within the venture.

Creativity is also underlined as a critical resource for enabling and actualizing organizations’ strategic initiatives in the organizational development process. Through the presentation of creativity and its relation to the entrepreneurial perspective, managers and leaders will be able to discern the creative capital of the organization and the imaginative patterns or scenarios that may be central to the organizational decision and designed innovation. Therefore, Shi et al. (2020, point to the primary application of creativity within how organizations pursue the establishment of better business strategies to enhance organizational positions within competitive markets.

**Strumsky, D., Lobo, J., & Tainter, J. A. (2010). Complexity and the productivity of innovation. Systems Research & Behavioral Science, 27(5), 496–509.**

Strumsky et al. (2010) also look at how complexity in organizational systems affects productivity in innovation. They affirm that complexity remains an antecedent of innovation results in a manner that is either totally positive or totally negative within their study. To a certain extent, complexity can create conditions that provide incentives for generating new ideas by increasing the variety of ideas and, therefore, questioning the status quo. The latter may solve generative ideas and creative insights. On the other hand, if the complexity is not dealt with adequately, it becomes a disadvantage since it hampers efficiency and slows down innovations through complications.

The researchers also highlight the issues of the balance between the complex nature of the processes and their manageability in order to achieve the greatest results in innovation. When both concepts are managed effectively, organizations are able to gain advantage of the fact that complexity comes with creativity and a variety of solutions to possible situations. The management of complicated systems allows for the creation of an environment that fosters the productivity of innovation activities and leads to more successful outcomes. In this manner, emphasis is placed on using the complexity of the working processes to drive change, not as an issue that slows down improvements to the efficiency of the innovation activities.

**Comparative Analysis**

The reviewed literature presents the ways of conceptualizing innovation and creativity in the context of business strategy and the similarities and differences between them. One of the overarching findings of the studies is acknowledging innovation and creativity as critical sources of competitive advantage and business outcomes. Every work revealed that in order to obtain superior results, these factors must be incorporated into the strategic management process. For instance, Kodama and Shibata (2014) reveal the importance of strategic innovation capabilities using the Fanuc case, showing how targeted innovations can significantly enhance a company's market position.

However, differences are clearly observable concerning the subject of this research. Strumsky et al. (2010) work contributes to the broader frame by reporting the trend to complexity and its impacts on innovation productivity. Based on their findings, they find that while there are strategic advantages to complexity for innovation, it is an activity that has to be managed and seized to prevent it from negatively influencing operational performance. Therefore, this is in contrast with the Kodama and Shibata (2014) view, which is more general in that it provides a more specific way of understanding how one firm can harness innovation.

Furthermore, Farida & Setiawan (2022), the authors also adopt the macro perspective, where they investigate the impact of innovation in generating competitive advantage at the macro level. According to them, integration of innovation into business is appropriate when attempting to establish a fit between business strategies and the competitive market. However, Chakim et al. (2022) and Shi et al. (2020) focused on systematic research of the creative process as the variable that influences entrepreneurial intentions and strategic decisions, respectively. These different approaches give a clear view of how innovation and creativity can work in establishing sound business strategy as well as demonstrating the existent and potential directions of their utilization for strategic advantage.

**Application to Business Strategy**

The adoption of innovation and creativity into an organization's strategic plan is crucial for organizations that want to achieve competitive advantage and sustainable performance. Therefore, based on the findings of this paper, firms would increase the effectiveness of the strategic management process in light of continuing market dynamism. Thus, Kodama and Shibata (2014) discussed the importance of the Strategic Innovation Capability of Fanuc Corporation. As such, their findings indicate that the firms require continually innovating and applying new work models so that they can counter their rivals. Therefore, this concerns cultivating the right organizational culture towards innovation, research, development, and integration of corporate strategies with technologies. By encouraging innovation, companies are also able to sustain their dominance while being in a position to meet the market forces' challenges as they prevail.

Managing complexity is also considered another key factor stressed by Strumsky et al. (2010). Their research shows that organizations need to improve comprehensiveness to enhance productivity in innovation management while at the same time maintaining a workable level of comprehensiveness. What this practically calls for is the need for every business to structure its innovation process in a way that tackles every potential bureaucratic constraint and makes it as efficient as possible. As a result, this commensurate can be minimized by adapting to complex methods that ensure flexibility in both the work structure and the organizational structure. Of specific importance here are the communication and information systems that can be leveraged to improve innovation performance and, thus, the organizations’ ability to deal with complex environments.

Farida and Setiawan (2022) give a macro view on the part played by innovation in gaining competitive advantage. According to the findings of their study, they were able to establish that various organizations need to integrate innovation into the overall strategic plan if they are to overcome their counterparts. In this, we engage in the definition of objectives in innovation, making provisions for resources for use in innovation projects and encouraging creative thinking in the organizational setup. Companies should design long-term plans in which innovation is an essential element, which will consequently remain part of the business strategy over time and contribute to continuous changes in the competitive advantage and performance indicators.

On the other hand, Chakim et al. (2022) and Shi et al. (2020) focus on the micro-level processes of creativity, examining its impact on entrepreneurial intentions and strategic decision-making. Their findings highlight the need to promote individual initiative and transform it into practical ideas. Businesses can use insights to provide supportive contextual factors in the execution of creative thinking, provide courses and training sessions to the workers to assist them in improving their creativity and synthesize feedback channels to prompt changes in creativity. At the micro level, such knowledge and perception of creativity can be incorporated into organizations’ strategic management practices, with the aim of enhancing organizational creativity to deliver the intended strategic management strategies.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the analysis of the literature on innovation and creativity also emphasizes their significance for developing appropriate business strategies. Some of the concepts that were highlighted are strategic innovation capabilities, managing innovation complexity, and transitioning from creative exploration to implementation. Such elements are vital for better performance and the creation of competitive advantage, especially in today's complex operating context. Implementing innovation and creativity impacts business strategies and helps react effectively to the external environment's dynamics; hence, it is more effective in the long run. Further prospective studies of such ideas in other fields will provide even more light to observe their applications in the managerial field, which will help improve the management of business organizations and the formulation of business strategies.

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