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Family Business Research is at the tipping point threshold with rapidly increasing acceptance of family business research in top-tier journals. Family business as a vehicle for commerce predates most forms of market structures; however, with a wide range of configurations, its paradigm development has been slow to date.

Chua Chrisman and Sharma (1999) define family business: 'governed and/or managed with the intention to shape and pursue the vision of the business held by a dominate coalition controlled by members of the same family or a small number of families in a manner that is potentially sustainable across generations of the family or families'.

Offering a rich differentiated context that adds relevance to many others disciplines, this peer reviewed collection contributes to the development of family business scholarship as a distinct context with legitimacy in its own right with impacts on commerce, employment, entrepreneurship, community, generational and family studies alike.

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