Call for Papers – *International Journal of Management Reviews (IJMR)* Special Issue

**PARADOXES**

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Submission Deadline: 1 November 2017

**AIMS AND SCOPE OF IJMR**

As the first reviews journal in the field of business and management, *IJMR* is an essential reference tool for business academics and doctoral students alike. *IJMR* publishes authoritative literature surveys and reviews. These will address the intellectual and academic needs of the broad academic management community on a global scale. Each issue includes state-of-the-art literature review articles or surveys, which examine the relevant literature published on a specific aspect of a particular sub-discipline. As such, *IJMR* complements other scientific business journals, and it deliberately targets a wide readership interested in business and management.

**PURPOSE OF SPECIAL ISSUE**

*IJMR* announces the call for papers for a special issue on paradoxes. The issue is guest edited by Adam Lindgreen, Copenhagen Business School and François Maon, IESEG School of Management.

The overall objective of the special issue is to provide a comprehensive collection of cutting-edge literature surveys and reviews on paradoxes in the management field. A paradox, according to Lewis (2000: p. 760), is defined as “contradictory yet interrelated elements—elements that seem logical in isolation but absurd and irrational when appearing simultaneously.” As today’s managers navigate highly complex systems, both internal and external, managers must accept and practice rather than choose between dualities. In other words, managers have to cope with paradoxical tensions.

The aims and scope of this particular special issue is very broad. Specific topics, therefore, may include, but are not limited to paradoxes within all the main management sub-disciplines including, for example, human resource management, organizational behavior, international and strategic management, operations management, management sciences, information systems and technology management, accounting and finance, and marketing.

Papers accepted for this special issue of *IJMR* should make significant conceptual contributions, offering a strategic platform for new directions in research and making a difference to how scholars might conceptualize research on paradoxes in their respective management field(s). Contrary to some other management journals, *IJMR* has a generalist appeal, with a focus on theoretical underpinnings and accessible to a broad range of research traditions. The journal also promotes contributions, which have an interdisciplinary reach.
The special issue welcomes submissions that seek to challenge and shift paradigms in a manner, which is both engaging and convincing. For example, are there reasoned and authoritative conclusions as to where the literature is, or perhaps should be going, and what important questions, or gaps, still exist in the field of paradoxes in (a) main management field(s)? Potential authors might want to contemplate the following before committing to a submission:

- Is the choice of a field or sub-field in management and organization studies mature enough to warrant a literature review?
- Is the review up to date? Papers submitted to IJMR should include all relevant contemporary research.
- Is there a synthesis and evaluation of the accumulated state of knowledge in that field, summarizing and highlighting current and emerging insight, while stressing strengths and weaknesses of prior work?
- Does the review include consideration of how research has developed in the field into sub-categories, concepts, or themes that can provide a more holistic interpretation and (re)categorization of that field?
- Is there a complete and critical analysis of the literature surveyed in terms of discussions of any contrasting methodologies used in the literature, the strength and weakness of particular approaches to studying the subject under review, the quality of the studies in the field, the general conclusions to be drawn from the literature (for example, and the current agreements and disagreements contained within the field) providing a thorough discussion of the current state of knowledge in the literature.

**PAPER SUBMISSION AND REVIEW PROCESS**

Papers submitted must not have been published, accepted for publication, or presently be under consideration for publication elsewhere. Papers should not exceed 10,000 words in length (excluding abstracts, references, tables, and figures). When preparing the paper, please refer to the following guidelines: [http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/seo.asp](http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/seo.asp). Also, IJMR uses ScholarOne Manuscripts for online manuscript submission double-blind peer review: [http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijmr](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijmr). Authors should ensure they answer ‘yes’ to the question ‘Is this submission for a special issue?’ and should enter the title to the special issue in the box provided. The deadline for submitting papers is November 1, 2017. It is anticipated that the special issue will be finalized in January 2019.

The editors will check that papers follow the required formatting given in the guidelines. At this early stage, a paper may be desk rejected if it does not adhere to appropriate formatting, but also if it makes limited conceptual contributions, does not offer a strategic platform for new directions in research, makes little difference to how scholars might conceptualize research in their management field(s), or is written poorly. Suitable papers are subjected to a double-blind review; hence, authors must not identify themselves in the body of their paper.
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