



Inter-Organisational Collaboration: Partnerships, Alliances and Networks Track

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Inter-organisational collaborations are seen as central in reimagining the role of business in achieving the UN SDGs. In connection with the theme of this year's conference we especially seek papers that address the crux of what Inter-Organisational Collaboration means for a sustainable business agenda. Areas of interest could examine:

- How we create trust between heterogeneous partners often needed to address sustainability through cross-sector collaborations. Different perspectives and approaches could be examined.
- Conflict often underlies the ability to innovate and implement sustainable solutions hence the importance of examining how we can translate conflict within interorganisational collaborations into creativity to achieve long-term sustainability.
- How interorganisational collaboration within the third sector and between the third sector and for-profit organisations contributes to building more sustainable communities and addressing inequalities in societies.
- Examining how firms, including large multinationals, think differently about their organisational boundaries to focus on interorganisational collaboration as alternative ways to practise sustainable business.
- How interorganizational collaborations could support increased knowledge exchange enabling companies to contribute to achieving Net Zero.
- How interorganisational collaboration poses challenges to, or provides solutions for, addressing changes in work patterns and global value chains disrupted by the

global pandemic - for example in supporting collaborations for redistributed manufacturing, enhancing local value-added, and reducing the carbon footprint.

The BAM Special Interest Group on Inter-Organizational Collaboration: Partnerships, Alliances and Networks (SIG-IOC) organises a dynamic and inter-disciplinary track that aims to break the still existing silos in the field of inter-organizational relations. The track brings together researchers with diverse focal topics and theoretical foundations, who share an interest in collaboration across organizational boundaries.

Building on the excellent sessions of the IOC-track at recent BAM conferences, we are especially keen to receive developmental papers to stimulate discussion. Suggestions for Symposia that integrate aspects of inter-organizational contexts are also welcome.

We are keen to support PhD candidates in submitting either a full or developmental paper to the IOC Track. To assist in this, we will hold an online **IOC PhD Pre-Submission Workshop on Monday 10th January [11am - 1pm UK time]**. **Pre-registration for this event is essential and free of charge and can be made at this link <https://www.bam.ac.uk/events-landing/ems-event-calendar/ioc-phd-conference-pre-submission-workshop.html> by January 5th**. When you register you will be asked to provide at least a 2-page outline of your proposal or a draft of your paper in process.