Organisational practices within contemporary landscapes

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The Quadrangular Conference 2015 is the continuation of the yearly colloquia organised jointly by Lancaster University, University of Cambridge, University College Dublin, and London School of Economics and Political Science. This year’s colloquium will take place on September 14th-15th, 2015, and will be hosted by the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology, Management School at Lancaster University.

The purpose of the Conference is that of constituting an interactive research symposium bridging the domains of management, information systems and organisational studies. Scholars in these domains are invited to submit contributions pertaining to prospective research, preliminary findings, or completed research work. The Conference aims, as per the tradition established over the past colloquia, to constitute an informal setting in which to discuss the themes at the centre of academic debate in our disciplines.

The theme of the Conference for this year is Organisational practices within contemporary landscapes. Focus will be on organisational settings as complex entangled networks, and how these manifest in different contemporary landscapes. This encompasses not only private and public sectors but also encapsulates organisational practices at a societal level. In this domain, intercultural perspectives on organisational dynamics are particularly relevant to discussion, as well as reflections on how the very concepts of knowledge generation and learning processes evolve as a result of the new globalising landscape.

Possible topics for contributions include, but are not limited to:

- Sociological approaches to the construction of self in organisational practices;
- Intercultural perspectives on spaces and places of identity in organisational settings;
- Entanglement of learning and knowledge generation in organisations;
- Work and employment in contemporary organisations;
- Interdisciplinary studies of management, information systems and organisations;
- Materiality and organisations: sociotechnical arrangements and practices.
Contributions can take the form of:

- **Extended abstracts**, for early research plans and reviews of pertinent literature (max. 1000 words)
- **Short papers**, for work in progress and early research findings (max. 2500 words)
- **Full papers**, for accomplished research results or advanced theoretical discussions (max. 5000 words).

Authors of accepted abstracts and papers will be invited to present their work in the Conference and have up to 45 minutes to present and discuss her/his research with faculty and colleagues from the participating institutions. To ensure that substantial time for presentation and feedback is granted to each presenter, the number of participants will be limited.

The deadline for abstract submission to the Quadrangular Conference 2015 is on **1st June, 2015**. The abstract submissions should state name, title, institution and type of contribution the participants would like to present. The deadline for full papers is July 31st, 2015. Please send your contributions to quadrangular2015@lancaster.ac.uk, indicating your full name and institution in the subject.

**Post-Doctoral track and early career researchers**
A separate track of the Conference will be dedicated to presentations by post-doctoral researchers and faculty, who are invited to share preliminary research findings and/or challenging theoretical and methodological issues concerning their work. Contributions to this track are welcome in all three forms - as extended abstracts, short papers, or full papers, as per the above specifications. The deadline for submitting abstracts to the post-doctoral and faculty track is on **June 30th, 2015**. The deadline for final contributions is on July 31st, 2015.

**Venue and Registration**
The conference will be held at Lancaster University, Lancaster. The conference programme will be announced shortly. As a result of support from the Lancaster University Management School and Organisation, Work and Technology Department, no conference fees will be charged to participants attending from the organising institutions, however, participants are kindly asked to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

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Conference Publication
All conference contributions will be uploaded and made available following the event as a Conference Transactions.