



Strategic Interest 12 – Research Methods and Research Practice (RM&RP)

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Dear EURAM members and friends,

With our theme **Research in Action**, we invite you to participate in debate about how we can use and develop our knowledge better so that solving problems and dealing with issues can become more effective. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

ST12_01 Developing an Evolutionary Epistemology? Evolutionary Approaches in Management Research

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Short Description

The track builds on a constantly growing body of evolution-based research within a wide range of disciplines such as management, organization, decision making, entrepreneurship and innovation, economic geography, philosophy and psychology. This is why, from both conceptual and methodological points of view, the track is open to all the various (and also cross-disciplinary) approaches flourished in the *organizational evolution* research area over time. Thus, perspectives based on multi-level co-evolution, system thinking, ecology, memes, or agent-based modelling, constitute only examples of the welcomed submissions. In line with the EURAM 2018 Conference theme, submissions with a strong practitioner orientation are particularly encouraged.

Long Description

How do enterprises *evolve*? Stemming from Charles Darwin's seminal work *The Origin of Species* (1859), this standing track in the Research Methods and Research Practice SIG at EURAM seeks to contribute to the lively critical discussion about the possibility and opportunity to develop an evolutionary epistemology in management research. Scholars have provided much debate on what common features and differences exist in how organisms and organizations behave. Thus, as in the previous years, the track aims to attract papers interested in elaborating on whether important phenomena associated with the current practice of business can be conscientiously explained through the partial (or general) adoption of Charles Darwin's thought in social sciences. Examples include the studying of global issues such as the current financial crisis; the different rates of organizational birth and death worldwide; the competition or integration between social systems, national and international communities; the diverse adoption of technological innovation, and even the way through which culture, beliefs, values and norms diffuse.

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Keywords: Organizational Adaptation, Evolution and Life Cycle; Co-Evolution, Routines and Exaptation; System Thinking and Complexity Theory; Generalised Darwinism, Evolutionary Epistemology and Cladistics; Ecology, Memetics and Cultural Evolution.

Publishing Outlets:

Please indicate here the journals or book publishers with which you could negotiate a special issue or a book focused on your topic's best papers.

For more information:

Contact the proponents above mentioned.

Submission Deadline: 10 January 2018 (2 pm Belgian time)

Authors Guidelines and Submission Deadline:

As an author, it is crucial to follow the guidelines and formatting instructions to prepare and submit your paper in order to have it published in proceedings.

ONE PRESENTING AUTHOR PER PAPER SUBMISSION

Each individual is limited to one personal appearance on the programme as a presenting author. This policy precludes acceptance of papers for more than one presentation. In other words, **an author can submit and present only one paper**. However, a presenter can always be a non-presenting co-author on additional papers.

Please read the instructions carefully prior to submitting:

1. Each paper can only be submitted to ONE track.
2. Submitted papers must NOT have been previously published and if under review, must NOT appear in print before EURAM 2018 Conference.
3. To facilitate the blind review process, remove ALL authors identifying information, including acknowledgements from the text, and document/file properties. (Any submissions with author information will be automatically DELETED; author information and acknowledgements are to be included in a SEPARATE document).
4. The entire paper (title page, abstract, main text, figures, tables, references, etc.) must be in ONE document created in PDF format.
5. The maximum length of the paper is 40 pages (including ALL tables, appendices and references). The paper format should follow the [European Management Review Style Guide](#).
6. Use Times New Roman 12-pitch font, double spaced, and 1-inch (2.5 cm) margin all around.
7. Number all of the pages of the paper.
8. No changes in the paper title, abstract, authorship, track and actual paper can occur AFTER the submission deadline.
9. Check that the PDF File of your paper prints correctly and ensure that the file is virus-free. Submissions will be done on-line on the EURAM 2018 website (open as of 1 December 2017: see <http://www.euram-online.org/annual-conference-2018.html>.)
10. Only submissions in English shall be accepted for review.
11. In case of acceptance, the author or one of the co-authors should be available to present the paper at the conference. A presenting author can only present one paper at the conference.