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**NOTES FROM THE BPS DIVISION CHAIR**

By *Joseph T. Mahoney*, BPS Division Chair, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



2008 was a great year for the Business Policy and Strategy (BPS) Division, which continues to grow through diversity and inclusiveness. BPS has over 5,000 members and we now constitute over 30% of the Academy of Management as a whole, which makes ours the second-largest division by membership. Further, over one-third of our members come from countries other than the United States, and non-US members are represented on our program in proportion to the membership.

The 2008 program presented at the Anaheim meetings was a success thanks to Joanne Oxley, our gifted Program Chair. BPS attracted 641 paper submissions from over 1,000 authors from nearly 40 countries. Moreover, there were 295 paper acceptances for presentation, 97 visual paper acceptances, and 96 interactive paper acceptances. Under Joanne's leadership, BPS had the highest participation of any of the 24 Divisions at the Academy of Management. Well done, Joanne!

Many of us joined the summer meetings in time to participate in the Professional Development Workshop (PDW) program, which was another success this year thanks to Tammy Madsen, our Assistant Program Chair in 2008 and our Program Chair Elect for 2009. Tammy reported 50 PDW submitted sessions in 2008, of which there were 10 Showcase Symposia and an additional 31 Symposia accepted. Tammy also forged 174 alliances with other Divisions, Interest Groups, and Theme Committees. BPS has gained much goodwill in working with other Divisions of the AOM in recent years; a tradition continued by Tammy. Excellent work, Tammy!

As 2009 BPS Division Chair, I take this opportunity to make five observations. First, I am humbled by the work efforts of those who have preceded me as BPS Chair, including Russ Coff, Anita McGahan, Jim Westphal, Margie Peteraf, Javier Gimeno, and Bert Cannella. It is a pleasure to follow their footsteps on the sands of time.

Second, BPS membership is substantially growing both domestically and internationally. Furthermore, the international contributions to knowledge *creation* in BPS are already prominent at our Annual AOM Meeting and in almost all likelihood will be increasing dramatically in the near future. Strategy is doing well in prestigious schools internationally, and is a bright spot for the future of BPS. Moreover, it is noteworthy that now over 50% of BPS reviewers are outside the United States and 57% of authors who submitted their papers were outside the United States for the 2008 Anaheim meeting.

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Third, an important challenge to the Strategy field is making greater inroads in the top 20 business schools in the United States. To be sure, there is strong presence in some of these schools such as Duke and Wharton to name two, but there is room for improvement. Through care, clarity, diligence and merit, the next generation of young and energetic scholars in BPS will overcome naysayers and vested interests within the more established disciplines to gain market share in the marketplace of ideas.

Fourth, moving to more operational issues, I encourage BPS members to devote more time, attention, and energy to producing *innovative* PDWs. For example, the OB Division submitted 108 PDW proposals for the 2008 meetings in comparison to 50 PDW proposals for the BPS Division, which placed us fourth behind the OB, OMT and HR Divisions. My hope is that we literally double our efforts for the 2009 Chicago meetings. In the spirit of inclusiveness, I especially encourage our young scholars and our international members to work with Assistant Program Chair, Nick Argyres, to submit innovative PDWs and infuse new energy, greater vitality and increased diversity in our BPS community.



Fifth, the number of volunteers reviewing for BPS is down in recent years. In particular, I ask our more senior scholars to step up to the plate this year and contribute much needed expertise in order to maintain the high standards of reviewing for which the BPS Division is well known.

Finally, as I write these BPS Chair notes, the summer meetings in Anaheim are not even a month behind us, and yet we are already involved in planning the program for the 2009 meetings in Chicago. We will continue to strive for inclusiveness and for drawing new scholars into the PDWs.

Please be sure to reserve the dates for the 2009 meetings in Chicago on your calendars: the PDW begins on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and the regular program begins on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Joseph J. Mahoney*

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**2008 BPS DIVISION AWARD WINNERS**

**Glueck Best Paper Award**

The 2008 winner of the of the Glueck Best Paper Award is **Evan Rawley** (U. of Pennsylvania) and **Tim Simcoe** (U. of Toronto) for their paper titled: “Horizontal Diversification and Vertical Contracting.”

The BPS Division gives the award annually in honor of the late William F. Glueck. The Division funds the award through a memorial established by his former students. Glueck earned a Management Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1966. In 1979, he became the 35<sup>th</sup> president of the Academy of Management. During his career, he authored 20 books, as well as 175 articles, monographs, and cases. Respected by his peers and students alike, he was renowned for his intense drive to achieve and his close mentoring relationships with doctoral students.

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**BPS Distinguished Paper Award**

Each year, the BPS Division recognizes those papers submitted to the Annual Meeting that reviewers rated in the top 1 percent. The 2008 BPS Distinguished Paper Award recipients were:

**Gary Dushnitsky** (U. of Penn) and **Zur Shapira** (New York U.) for: Entrepreneurial finance meet organizational reality.

**Henrich Greve** (INSEAD), **Joel A. C. Baum** (U. of Toronto), **Hitoshi Mitsuhashi** (Keio U.) and **Tim Rowley** (U. of Toronto) for: Built to last but falling apart: Cohesion, friction, and the durability of interfirm alliances.

**Maria Goranova** (U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee), **Ravi Dharwadkar** (Syracuse U.), and **Pamela Brandes** (Syracuse U.) for: Owners on both sides of the deal: M&A and overlapping institutional ownership.

**Goncalo Pacheco-de-Almeida** (New York U.) and **Peter Zemsky** (INSEAD) for: Time-consuming technology development: How imitation and spillovers affect competitive dynamics.

**Margerethe Wiersema** (U. of California, Irvine) and **Yan Anthea Zhang** (Rice U.) for: CEO dismissal: The role of investment analysts as an external control mechanism.

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**Sumantra Ghoshal Award**

The Sumantra Ghoshal Research and Practice award goes to a paper that advances research while deriving important implications for practice. The award honors the contributions to both research and practice made by Sumantra Ghoshal. This year’s winner is **Aseem Kaul** (University of Pennsylvania) for: “Intelligent Investing and Governance: The Role of Financial Advisors.”

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**Robert J. Litschert Award**

The 2008 Robert J. Litschert Best Paper by Doctoral Students Award was given to **Hans Frankort** (U. of Maastricht) for: “Structural Holes, Technological Resources, and Innovation: A Study of an Interfirm R&D Network.”

The BPS Division gives the award annually in honor of the late Robert Litschert. To be eligible, students only must author papers. Non-students cannot appear as a co-author. Doctoral students should note their paper’s eligibility for the 2009 award during the submission process.

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**BPS Distinguished Student Paper Award**

Each year, the BPS Division recognizes distinguished papers by doctoral students. The 2008 BPS Distinguished Student Paper Award Winners are:

**Matt Marx** (Harvard University) for: On a short leash? Young organizations, strategic change, and venture capital.

**Guoli Chen** (Pennsylvania State U.) for: Performance consequences of CEO replacement in turnaround situations.

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**Olivier Chatain Wins the Wiley Blackwell Outstanding Dissertation Award**

The 2008 winner of the Wiley Blackwell Outstanding Dissertation Award was presented to **Olivier Chatain** (Ph.D. INSEAD and Assistant Professor at the Wharton School of Business, U. of Pennsylvania) for: Capturing Value from Client Relationships: Theory and Evidence. Wiley Blackwell Publishing sponsors this award. The winner and six finalists presented their research at a special session designed to highlight cutting-edge dissertation research.

The 2008 finalists for the award were:

**Natarajan Balasubramanian** (Ph.D. UCLA) for: Essays on Learning and Innovation.

**Benjamin Hallen** (Ph.D. Stanford U.) for: The Origin of the Network Positions of New Organizations: How Entrepreneurs Raise Funds from Venture Capitalists and Corporate Investors.

**Dinesh Iyer** (Ph.D. Purdue U.) for: Performance Feedback View of the Timing of Acquisitions, Direction of Diversification, and Firm Performance.

**Evan Rawley** (Ph.D. U. of California-Berkeley) for: Organization and Performance: Evidence from Microdata.

**Jianyun Tang** (Ph.D. U. of Western Ontario) for: Dominant CEO, Deviant Strategy, and Extreme Performance.

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**2008 BPS Division Outstanding Reviewers**

Moses Acquaaah	Johanna Jaskari	Thomas Schrettle
Asli Arikan	Scott Johnson	David Sirmon
Dennis Balch	Aseem Kaul	Anne Smith
Vincent Barker	Mark Kennedy	David Souder
Sandip Basu	Tomi Laamanen	Bradley Staats
Marina Biniari	Dovev Lavie	J. Stimpert
James Biteman	Kwanghui Lim	Julian Sulej
Anthony Briggs	Daniel Malter	Paul Vaaler
Juan Canales	Al McCready	Paul Vlaar
David Collis	Gerry McNamara	Andrew von Nordenflycht
Ilya Cuypers	Janann Medeiros	Theo Waldren
Dries Faems	Luiz Mesquita	Christopher Wasden
Sylvia Flatt	Sotirios Paroutis	Libby Weber
Maria Goranova	G. Tyge Payne	Franz Wohlgezogen
Inga Hill	Francisco Polidoro	William Worthington
Christina Hoon	Rhonda Reger	Michele Yoder
Mathew Hughes	Mario Schijven	

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## **2008 BPS PDW NEWS FROM ANAHEIM**

### **2008 BPS Doctoral Consortium**

A group of 55 doctoral students and faculty members converged on the Anaheim Convention Center to shape research ideas, discuss the job-market and publication processes, and to forge friendships during the 2008 BPS Doctoral Consortium. The event kicked off on Friday evening with discussions amongst small groups of faculty and students on frontier research areas in strategy. On Saturday and Sunday, each faculty member facilitated small group discussions focused on students' dissertation work and led discussions on various topics: the candidate's perspective on the job market process (Sarah Kaplan, Cathy Maritan), the schools' perspective on the job market process (Julian Birkinshaw, Dawn Harris, Marvin Lieberman), a joint session on the revise and resubmit process with the Dissertation Consortium (Olav Sorensen, Todd Zenger, Nick Argyres, Kyle Mayer), teaching tips and techniques (Dawn Harris, Michael Leiblein), learning to teach the case method (Amy Hillman), completing the dissertation (Jasjit Singh), and making the job a lifelong passion (Don Hambrick, Marvin Lieberman, Amy Hillman). Feedback from participants included: "The BPS Doctoral Consortium Rocked!," "I was extremely impressed that each faculty member attended every single session!," and "This was a great team effort by the faculty ... the sum of the whole was far greater than the sum of the parts." Co-chairs Kyle Mayer, Michael Leiblein, and Cathy Maritan wish to thank all who contributed to this valuable experience.

The BPS Division will again sponsor a Doctoral Consortium during the pre-conference period of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in Chicago. Janet Bercovitz will join Michael Leiblein and Cathy Maritan as co-chair. A number of other BPS faculty members have already committed to contribute including Jay Barney (Ohio State), Phil Bromiley (Irvine), Bert Cannella (Tulane), Steve Floyd (St. Gallen), Nicolai Foss (Copenhagen), Anne Marie Knott (Washington-St. Louis), Sergio Lazzarini (Ibmec São Paulo), and Tom Moliterno (South Carolina). Any student who will have defended his or her dissertation proposal by the time of the conference is encouraged to apply. Please look for details on how to apply in the Spring BPS Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Bercovitz at [jbercov@uiuc.edu](mailto:jbercov@uiuc.edu), Michael Leiblein at [leiblein.1@osu.edu](mailto:leiblein.1@osu.edu), or Cathy Maritan at [cmaritan@syrr.edu](mailto:cmaritan@syrr.edu).

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### **2008 BPS Managing Your Dissertation Workshop**

The 2008 edition of the BPS Managing your Dissertation Workshop, organized by Alison Mackey, brought together a record 100 doctoral students and 7 faculty members. Finalists for the BPS Best Dissertation Award from the previous year organize the workshop, which offers doctoral students concrete advice on how to manage the dissertation process and the transition to faculty. In the plenary session, Phil Bromiley shared his thoughts on how to get guidance and on the formation and management of a dissertation committee. Jay Barney then provided advice on writing publishable papers from the dissertation. Alison Mackey closed the plenary session with her reflections on how to best balance work and life during the notoriously all-consuming dissertation. Participants took part in breakout sessions focused on a variety of issues: dissertation topic selection (discussion headed by Rajiv Nag), forming and managing a committee (Dries Fames), selecting the research design and managing the data collection (Alison Mackey), getting a job (Jared Harris), getting finished (Phil Bromiley) and an international perspective on getting a job (Rekha Krishnan).

The next Managing Your Dissertation Workshop will take place during the 2009 Annual Meetings of the Academy of Management in Chicago. Further details will be included in the Spring BPS newsletter. If you have questions, feel free to contact Olivier Chatain at [chatain@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:chatain@wharton.upenn.edu).

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## MESSAGE FROM THE 2009 BPS PROGRAM CHAIR

By *Tammy L. Madsen*, BPS Program Chair, Santa Clara University



It has only been a few months since the Anaheim meetings but we are well into planning the 2009 Business Policy & Strategy (BPS) Program in Chicago. Division Chair Joe Mahoney's introduction to the newsletter highlights the division's phenomenal growth in membership size and scope. As we continue to grow, we seek ways to build communities of scholars within the division so that members can engage in meaningful intellectual discourse, despite our scale. One important part of my work on the 2008 PDW program was to encourage innovative sessions that supported the development of high-quality research. We then clustered research-oriented PDWs into six tracks to provide a coherent flow of theme-based conversations for participants throughout the pre-conference program. I plan to replicate this approach for the main BPS Program to facilitate rich interaction among communities of scholars and to leverage the AOM's conference theme, *Green Management Matters*. I also hope to experiment to bring in a bit of the "small conference feel". Have an idea or want to get involved? Send me an email: [tmadsen@scu.edu](mailto:tmadsen@scu.edu). I look forward to working with you to develop a robust 2009 Program.

**Program Matters.** The 2009 program incorporates several fundamental changes to the traditional conference schedule. The formal scholarly program is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday (no more Wednesday sessions!). We will schedule the Monday/Tuesday sessions in standard 1 hour and 30 minute time blocks with six blocks scheduled for Monday and five blocks scheduled for Tuesday. Sunday's program will capture all academy sessions (All-Academy PDWs, All-Academy Symposia, and Showcase Symposia) and devote attention to the conference theme, *Green Management Matters*. Last, as Joe Mahoney noted, the PDW program will begin on Friday at 8:00 AM and conclude on Saturday at 8:00 PM.

**Call for Submissions.** For those of you who have previously supported the division with your submissions and reviews, please keep sending us your best recent papers. I also want to encourage those who have not submitted to the Academy or to the BPS Division in the past to consider active participation. We celebrate diverse interests, are eager to engage in new ideas, and welcome the opportunity to include your work.

Symposia are an under-used format in the BPS program yet they offer an excellent opportunity for collaborating with others to develop a cohesive and engaging session. I strongly encourage symposia submissions that rigorously explore novel phenomena from different angles and/or examine classic research questions using integrative lenses and multiple methodologies. Now is an excellent time to begin planning your symposia teams and submissions.

**The mechanics:** The submission system opens November 3, 2008 and the submission deadline is January 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM EST. The BPS Division does not have separate submission guidelines from those of the Academy of Management; however, some useful tips will be posted on the BPS Web page. Among other things, this will include the call for papers, a copy of the submission checklist, and hints on developing symposia proposals.

**Call for Reviewers: Please sign up!** Your involvement in the BPS program is critical to its success – especially your thoughtful participation in reviewing submissions. Paper and symposia submissions to the division continue to grow at an annual rate of about 10%; given this, we anticipate well over 700 submissions in 2009. As a result, we will need about 1100 reviewers in order to build a high quality program. We look to you for assistance in making this possible. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and importantly, your efforts in generating high quality, robust, and timely reviews.

*To signup:* Reviewer recruitment begins in early October. **To sign up as a BPS reviewer, please visit the academy reviewer signup website at <http://review.aomonline.org/aom.asp>.** We will ask you to review about three submissions between January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. Your reviewer assignment will be based on the five topic codes that you indicate represents your areas of expertise. Thank you in advance for your contributions to the review process!

As I shift roles from 2008 Assistant Program Chair to 2009 Program Chair Elect, I am grateful for the strong foundation established by my able predecessors and, in particular, for the opportunity to work with the leaders of the 2007-2008 BPS Executive Committee. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with Anita McGahan whose energy, engaging spirit, and institutional memory has contributed so much to the



division. Russ Coff, in addition to keeping us amused and on track throughout the year, provided useful insights and generous assistance. Additionally, I look forward to working with Joe Mahoney and helping him realize his goals for the Division as the 2009 Division Chair. Congratulations go to my immediate predecessor, Joanne Oxley, having organized a fantastic 2008 program while on sabbatical in Paris. I am also extremely grateful to Joanne for always being available to

answer any of my questions regarding the intricacies of organizing the PDW program. Last, but not least, thanks to Wilbur Chung, Anne Marie Knott, and Giovanni Gavetti for their efforts in support of the Division. What a terrific group to work with!

To much who has been given, much is expected...with this in mind, I look forward to working with the BPS members to assemble an outstanding 2009 Program.

See you in Chicago!

Tammy L. Madsen

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**2009 BPS DIVISION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS –  
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

By: *Nicholas Argyres*, Washington University in St. Louis, [argyres@wustl.edu](mailto:argyres@wustl.edu)



The Business Policy and Strategy (BPS) Division invites submission of proposals for PDW sessions for the 2009 AOM Conference. Our continuing goal is to make the BPS Division's PDWs as *interactive* and *innovative* as possible. These sessions provide an opportunity to experiment with new formats and ideas that may not fit within the confines of the regular program. Formats can take a variety of forms, such as roundtable discussions, workshops, town hall meetings, debates, breakout group sessions, technology demonstrations, cultural events, etc. Topics may relate to emerging theoretical developments; new research methodologies or research practices; links between academic research and strategy practice; new views on established research, to name just a few.

Space and time for PDW's is limited, so PDW proposals that are of interest to other divisions besides BPS are encouraged, though this is not a requirement for acceptance. We also encourage proposals that address the AOM conference theme for 2009: "*Green Management Matters*" (please refer to the conference website at <http://meeting.aomonline.org/2009>).

**Buckingham Fountain, Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois**



PDW proposals may be submitted online at: <http://submissions.aomonline.org> beginning on November 3, 2008. *The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2009. The PDW program runs from 8am Friday through 8pm Saturday (Aug 7-8). Please note the changes from prior years.* All PDW participants must commit to participation in advance. All proposals require a statement indicating that all PDW participants have consented to participate in the PDW. The AOM's "Rule of Three" for the PDW program introduced in 2008 continues to apply: "No one may submit or be associated with more than 3 PDW submissions; or appear

in more than 3 PDW sessions during the preconference from Friday to Saturday, regardless of whether the sessions are held on-site or off-site". While we cannot guarantee that we will accept all proposals, our goal is to have as broad a representation of the BPS membership as possible.

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**2009 CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS – BPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & OFFICERS**

We welcome your participation in nominating people to run for BPS office! The Academy of Management nomination site will open on January 2, 2009 for the BPS division. Please review the instructions below.

**Executive Committee:** The Division membership will elect six members to the BPS Division's Executive Committee during Spring 2009 elections. We are seeking nominations from the BPS membership. To appear on the ballot, individuals must receive nominations from at least 10 other BPS members in good standing.

**Assistant Program Chair:** The Division membership will also elect the Assistant Program Chair during Spring 2009 voting and we are seeking nominees for this position as well. Nominees for Assistant Program Chair must have served previously as members of the Executive Committee. See [www.bpsdiv.org](http://www.bpsdiv.org) for a list of previous EC members. In this case, we will list individuals on the ballot if they have served on the Executive Committee and receive nominations from at least 20 other BPS members in good standing.

**Nomination Guidelines:** Nominees will stand for election in the spring if they: 1) are members in good standing of the BPS division, 2) are nominated by other BPS members as indicated above, 3) meet the requirements for the position (see above), and 4) agree to run for office. The Spring 2009 ballot will include all valid nominations. If there are not enough valid nominations to complete the ballot, additional nominations will be put forth by the current Executive Committee.

**Nominations must be placed online by February 16, 2009 at:**  
<http://apps.aomonline.org/divnomination/login.asp>

If you have questions or comments, please contact the BPS Past Division Chair:

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**2009 IRWIN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The Business Policy and Strategy (BPS) division of the Academy of Management requests nominations for the Irwin Outstanding Educator Award, which the Division will give at next year's annual meetings in Chicago. The BPS division has recognized Outstanding Educators with an award given every other year since 1987. In 1991, the publishing company Richard D. Irwin established a \$25,000 endowment for the award, thereafter named the Irwin Outstanding Educator Award. This award is designed to recognize a person who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to and expertise in teaching strategic management or educating others about strategic management. The 2009 award will recognize an outstanding educator in the area of doctoral and junior faculty education. Nominees should have at least 15 years of service. Some manifestations of outstanding educator contributions might include:

**Mentorship of PhD Students.** The person has been closely linked to the development of other outstanding scholars and in developing the scholarship of others. (For example, the person is actively involved in dissertation committees or participates regularly in Professional Development Workshops or other specialized workshops like CCC or DRUID, etc.).

**Mentorship of Junior Colleagues.** The person has mentored or advised scholars beyond the dissertation advisor role by offering constructive comments, suggestions, and criticism.

Previous award winners are:

1987: C. Roland Christensen (Harvard)	1999: Arnold Cooper (Purdue)
1989: James Brian Quinn (Dartmouth)	2001: Michael A. Hitt (Arizona State)
1991: Charles Summer (U. of Washington)	2003: Donald C. Hambrick (Penn State)
1993: Michael Porter (Harvard)	2005: Jay Barney (Ohio State)
1995: William H. Newman (Columbia)	2007: Kathy Eisenhardt (Stanford)
1997: David Jemison (University of Texas)	2008: Pankaj Ghemawat (IESE)

Please send your nomination(s) to any of the following BPS Teaching Committee members. Include a brief explanation as to why you are nominating the individual. Many thanks!

Moshe Farjoun, Chair ([mfarjoun@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:mfarjoun@schulich.yorku.ca))

Jeff Furman ([furman@bu.edu](mailto:furman@bu.edu))

Idalene Kesner ([ikesner@indiana.edu](mailto:ikesner@indiana.edu))

Larry Stimpert ([LStimpert@ColoradoCollege.edu](mailto:LStimpert@ColoradoCollege.edu))

**Nominations will be accepted through December 1, 2008.**

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**CALL FOR 2009 BPS OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD  
SUBMISSIONS**

The BPS Division will sponsor the *Wiley Blackwell Outstanding Dissertation Award in Business Policy and Strategy* again in 2009. Any doctoral dissertation addressing the area of business policy and strategic management completed between February 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009 not previously submitted for consideration may be entered. Completion date is defined as when the degree is completed and awarded. A dissertation can be submitted to BPS and other divisions simultaneously if it fits within each division's domain statement. The BPS domain statement can be found at: [www.bpsdiv.org/html/domain\\_stmt.html](http://www.bpsdiv.org/html/domain_stmt.html). Interested persons should submit electronically (by e-mail) their entry to the competition with two attached Word documents: (a) a one-page abstract of the dissertation and (b) a ten-page, double-spaced summary of the dissertation. Please send the e-mail to:

**Joanne Oxley**  
Rotman School of Management  
University of Toronto  
[oxley@rotman.utoronto.ca](mailto:oxley@rotman.utoronto.ca)

**Submissions must be received by Monday February 15, 2009.** Submissions by fax will not be accepted. In order to facilitate compliance with the BPS conflict of interest policy and the blind review process, please remove any author identification from your dissertation summary and indicate in your e-mail your current university affiliation, the name of the university granting your degree, and the affiliation of any outside dissertation committee members. Entrants who make it through the first round of evaluations will be invited to submit their complete dissertation around the middle of March 2009.

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**BPS MID-CAREER WORKSHOP: MANAGING YOUR EVOLVING  
CAREER**

The Business Policy and Strategy Division will once again sponsor a Mid-Career Workshop for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in Chicago. The Mid-Career Workshop is for BPS faculty members with at least five years of academic experience. The objective of the workshop is to facilitate networking and discussion around the unique professional challenges, problems and opportunities facing BPS faculty moving into their "Associate Professor Years."

At the 2008 Workshop in Anaheim, participants heard from a panel of distinguished senior faculty members including Anil Gupta (University of Maryland), Tim Pollock (Penn State University), Violina Rindova (University of Texas), Gerry Sanders (Rice University), and Maurizio Zollo (Bocconi University). These panelists shared their views on a number of topics including, among others, editorial roles, sabbaticals, executive education, and working with doctoral students. After the presentations and discussion, we broke for a wonderful dinner and good conversation at a restaurant in Downtown Disney. Dinner was graciously sponsored by the Business Policy and Strategy Division of the Academy.

The 2009 Workshop will follow a similar format. Look for additional details in the Spring BPS Newsletter and on the BPS Division web-page ([www.BPSDiv.org](http://www.BPSDiv.org)). For more information regarding next year's workshop, contact Trevis Certo (Arizona State University) via email ([trevis.certo@asu.edu](mailto:trevis.certo@asu.edu)).

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## **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

### **International Journal of Business and Emerging Markets (IJBEM)**

**Website: [www.inderscience.com/ijbem](http://www.inderscience.com/ijbem)**

Recently, scholars and managers have shown significant interest in the business opportunities provided by emerging markets (EM). For example, foreign firms' opportunities range from investing *in* EM to outsourcing *from* EM, whereas local firms and economies benefit from the investments and the expertise brought by the foreign firms. Thus, understanding characteristics of EM in the face of evolving government policies and changing consumer behavior is crucial to identify *new needs* of consumers, and to develop suitable products and services to meet those needs.

Certainly, significant opportunities exist for managers – both foreign and local – to grow their businesses in EM. *IJBEM* is designed to address the new needs of consumers in EM by stressing the use of qualitative and empirical data.

#### **Objectives**

The main objective of the inter-disciplinary peer-reviewed *IJBEM* is to encourage application of research methods to solve specific business-related problems in EM. The journal aims to promote articles that are based on the unification of the theoretical–quantitative or the empirical–qualitative approach, and that propose future research directions for scholars and recommend actionable business strategies for managers.

#### **Specific Notes for Authors**

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All papers are refereed through a double blind process. A guide for authors, sample copies and other relevant information for submitting papers are available on the [www.inderscience.com/ijbem](http://www.inderscience.com/ijbem) and [www.inderscience.com/samples.php](http://www.inderscience.com/samples.php)

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**Special Issue of *Journal of Management and Governance* on  
Corporate Governance and Strategic Management in Different Contexts: Fostering  
Interchange of a Crucial Relationship**

Notwithstanding the extant copious body of studies respectively in the corporate governance field and in the strategic management domain, today's business practice brings to light several cases in which the relationship between the entrepreneurial function (or strategy formulation) and the governance roles underscores the existence of uncertain situations and dangerous juxtapositions, which can turn out hazardous conflicts of interest suitable to jeopardize the firms' value creation process.

Discussing these issues could give the start to a wide research project aimed to assess the managerial fallouts of the dynamic interconnections between corporate governance and strategic management. The novelty of the approach resides in that it promises to be able to capture the dynamic evolution of the relation between strategic management and corporate governance. This is tied to the contours of the two elements that, in the initial phases of business development, are strictly combined. In fact, in the entrepreneurial stage ownership, entrepreneurship and management are normally concentrated in the same individuals. Afterwards, strategy and governance tend to separate while keeping, in some cases, various degrees of connection.

To manage effectively and efficiently the progressive separation between the strategic function and the governance function, significant importance is taken by the institutional, normative/cultural contexts. Different contextual frameworks typically match up with different typologies of the capitalist regime. For instance, we can speculate on the role of the financing modalities (banking system vs. market), on the choices about the efficiency and transparency of the financial markets, on the proclivity of the legal system and the commercial practice (e.g., double Board system, the different kinds of shares, and so on).

### **Possible Topics**

*The relationships between the strategic function and the governance function:* what is the nature of the relationship between corporate governance and strategic management? Is governance more important to firms of strategic management?

*Theory vs. practice in different context:* Why are there good/bad theories and good/bad practices in corporate governance and strategy? What are the rudiments of the decision-making processes in the governance of different contexts? What are the differences between the US, European and Japanese contexts in relation to governance systems?

*Firm in transition:* What are the governance logics and mechanism of firms in transition? What kinds of conflicts can arise as regards the under-pricing in IPO firms? How a multiple agency approach can respond to this challenge? What is the role of anti take-over provisions in the acquisition of IPO ventures? What is the role of signalling and information theory in the acquisition of IPO ventures?

### **Submission Process**

Guest editors for this special issue are Wei Shen (U of Florida, [wei.shen@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:wei.shen@cba.ufl.edu)) and Arturo Capasso (U of Sannio, [capasso@unisannio.it](mailto:capasso@unisannio.it)). Manuscripts should be submitted to **Journal of Management and Governance** ([jmg@unisi.it](mailto:jmg@unisi.it)) and should indicate that the work is intended for this special issue. Full papers must be submitted by **November 30, 2008**.

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**Special Issue of *Corporate Governance: An International Review* on  
Shareholder Activism**

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*Corporate Governance: An International Review* (CGIR) invites paper submissions for a special issue on shareholder activism. Whereas the phenomenon of activist shareholders has a rather long tradition in Anglo-Saxon countries, shareholder activism has become more prevalent in other governance environments, too. The popular business press extensively discusses the pros and cons of shareholder activism, but scholarly thought has yet to weigh in substantively. In particular, we are interested in learning more about the antecedents and effects of shareholder activism, as well as more in-depth understanding of the various forms and features of this phenomenon. Research questions that are of particular interest include the following:

- Do corporate governance proposals advanced by institutional investors lead to better corporate governance and/or enhanced firm performance?
- Do other shareholders and/or stakeholders get ignored when activist investors become more influential? What are the fiduciary duties of activist investors?
- How do shareholder activists pick and influence their targets?
- How do boards, and how should boards, respond to activist shareholders?
- Is shareholder activism more effective than traditional governance mechanisms such as involved and independent boards or formal rules and regulations?
- How do the laws vary from nation to nation regarding shareholder activism?

It is the tradition of CGIR to welcome a wide variety of theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches. Since the overarching mission of the journal is to develop a global theory of corporate governance, international comparative studies are especially welcome. Both national and international topics are appropriate for consideration, but priority is given to research that spans multiple governance environments. We also invite papers dealing with different types of activist shareholders such as pension funds, (socially responsible) mutual funds, hedge funds, sovereign funds, and private equity investors.

This list of topics is suggestive rather than exhaustive. We are open to a wide range of approaches from different disciplinary backgrounds (e.g., finance, management, economics, or sociology). Both theoretical and empirical work will be considered. In accordance with CGIR's mission, we seek for research that is both rigorously done and relevant to practitioners and/or policy-makers.

Papers must be submitted via the CGIR website (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/corg>); submissions should indicate that the manuscript is intended for this special issue. Contributors should follow the CGIR Author Guidelines (which can be found at [www.cgir.org](http://www.cgir.org)). The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2009**. Papers will be subject to our standard double-blind reviewing process. It is anticipated that papers accepted for this special issue will be published in the last issue of 2009 or the first issue in 2010. For queries about this special issue, please feel free to contact the special issue guest editors, Huimin Chung (chunghui@mail.nctu.edu.tw) or Till Talaulicar (t.talaulicar@ww.tu-berlin.de).

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**Special Issue of *Organization Science* on  
Organizational Economics and Organizational Capabilities:  
From Opposition and Complementarity to Real Integration**

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The purpose and explicit goal of this special issue, then, is to encourage and highlight work that effectively and systematically integrates the organizational economics and organizational capabilities-based literatures. Overall, we submit that significantly deeper integration of these two literatures will lead to important insights into organizational behavior, particularly the relationships between various organizational and inter-organizational forms and arrangements on the one hand, and capability building processes and outcomes on the other.

To illustrate potential links between organizational economics and the capabilities-based literature, several areas seem promising. For example, capability development and resource acquisition fundamentally are decisions related to organizational boundaries — and, these decisions might be better understood if integrated with insights from transaction cost and property rights theories. Furthermore, capability development also implicates matters of governance; thus, a key opportunity for future research is to explicate effective governance forms, organizational designs and decision-making structures for capability development. Much work is also needed on the emergence of new organizational forms, and the role of transactions in capability development in entrepreneurial settings. Moreover, organizational capabilities may be developed through alliances and other inter-organizational relationships, and organizational economics and the capabilities literatures can further be integrated to generate key insights about these governance forms as well.

Numerous other areas also suggest that the integration of these literatures might yield important insights. For example, a central part of organizational capabilities is human capital. The sourcing of human capital services and, for example, how such services are called forth by organizational incentives suggests that some promising insights might be gained from further integrating agency theory and other theories of motivation with the capabilities literature. Furthermore, understanding central issues related to human capital may help us to understand better the patterns of rent appropriation associated with capability development and organizational performance. Importantly, insights from psychology, social psychology and organizational behavior should also help us further understand the nexus of organizational boundaries and the development of capabilities.

In all, these matters seem to call for work that goes significantly beyond merely contrasting or juxtaposing organizational economics and capabilities-based views. This special issue, then, is a direct call for research that meaningfully integrates the two perspectives in an effort to understand better organizational design, organizational behavior and performance.

Manuscripts for this special issue of *Organization Science* may be submitted between October 1, 2009 and October 30, 2009. Manuscript submission is handled electronically via Manuscript Central: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/orgsci>. After the first round of review, the authors of the most promising manuscripts will be invited to a special issue conference. Additional conference details will be provided at a later date.

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**International Journal of Strategic Business Alliances**

A new journal, *International Journal of Strategic Business Alliances* (IJSBA) to be published by the Inderscience Publishers kindly invites researchers to submit papers on cooperative ventures and alliances. IJSBA aims to foster the creation and dissemination of knowledge on strategic business alliances from various perspectives including economic, organizational, and strategic management. It strives to establish an effective channel of communication between researchers, managers, consultants, policy makers, and others concerned individuals and institutions with the complex role of strategic alliances in business competition. It also intends to promote and exchange theoretical developments, research findings, and practices in the field of interfirm partnerships. The international dimension is emphasized to comprehend worldwide practices and cross cultural differences among nations and to learn from increasing use of such collaborative ventures in the global economy.

IJSBA publishes original conceptual and research papers, review papers, case studies, book reviews, research notes, and commentaries. It will occasionally come out with special Issues devoted to important topics concerning strategic business alliances.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Joint venture strategies, management, and issues
- Franchising strategies, management, and issues
- Licensing strategies, practices, and issues
- Network relationships and structures
- Supplier relationships and issues
- Outsourcing and subcontracting arrangements and issues
- Strategic alliances in specific industries
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For more information on the journal and its author guidelines, you can visit its web site:  
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## **BPS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Israel Strategy Conference**

The Israel Strategy Conference (ISC) will be holding its first Doctoral Consortium at the 2008 meetings. The consortium will be held at Tel Aviv University on Sunday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The ISC Doctoral Consortium is particularly valuable to Ph.D. students interested in conducting cutting-edge research and teaching in strategy and related areas. The consortium will be led by a panel of faculty members with proven research and teaching records who will address key issues in academic life such as publishing in top journals, managing your time for research, meeting teaching and institutional demands, managing research collaborations, and funding your research.

The consortium coordinator is Robert Salomon (NYU). Additional faculty facilitators include: Joel Baum (Toronto), Avi Fiegenbaum (Technion), Niron Hashai (Hebrew University), Daniel Levinthal (Wharton), and Frank Rothaermel (Georgia Tech), and several others.

The application deadline is October 3, 2008. Students wishing to attend must apply online on the Consortium page of the Israel Strategy Conference website (<http://www.isc.org.il/>).

If you have questions regarding the doctoral consortium, please e-mail Robert Salomon at [robert.salomon@stern.nyu.edu](mailto:robert.salomon@stern.nyu.edu).

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### **A Ranking of Strategic Management Journals**

A recent article by Ofer Azar and David Brock from Ben-Gurion University, "A Citation-Based Ranking of Strategic Management Journals," which appears in the 17(3) issue of the Journal of Economics and Management Strategy (JEMS), reports rankings of Strategy journals. Such rankings are obviously important for authors, readers, and promotion/tenure committees; and

the dearth of rankings that focus on strategic management journals was a gap the authors wanted to fill.

The authors present rankings based on the number of citations and on the per-article impact. The analyses cover periods between 1991 and 2006. The SMJ was in first place and JEMS second for most of the periods, although JEMS ranked first in certain instances. Long Range Planning and Technology Analysis & Strategic Management were among the other leaders. Strategic Organization made an impressive entry to lead the group during the 2003-2006 period.

See:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/12137824/5/abstract>

OR

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1091495](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1091495).

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### **2008 AOM Distinguished Service Award**

The Academy of Management named BPS Member, David D. Van Fleet, recipient of the 2008 AOM Distinguished Service Award.

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### **Free Workshop at SMS**

For anyone attending the Strategic Management Society Oct 12-15 in Germany, John Wiley & Sons is sponsoring a free workshop on the afternoon before the opening of the conference. Information and registration is at <http://www.strategydynamics.com/lp/bamteachersignup.htm>.

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## A Sociological Perspective on Strategy: Introducing Strategy as Practice Gerry Johnson & Julia Balogun

Conventionally, strategy researchers assume that strategy is something *organisations have*. Organisations have differentiation strategies, diversification strategies and joint venture strategies. Or organizations have strategic planning processes, decision processes and change processes. In this view, strategy and strategy processes are a property of organizations. Yet strategy is also something that *people do*. This doing of strategy is the focus of the strategy as practice perspective. As such, we are not concerned exclusively with the fate of organisations as wholes, but also in the practical performance of the people who engage with them. Our focus is on a surprisingly neglected question: what do the people engaged in strategy making (what can be termed strategizing) actually do and how do they influence strategic outcomes? However, whilst our central concern is certainly with what people do in relation to strategy, we are also interested in the context in which they do it. Strategy as Practice is therefore concerned with *what people do in relation to strategy and how this is influenced by and influences their organisational and institutional context*.

The centrality of human action and interaction within this definition requires us to make an overarching observation about our ontological position in relation to mainstream work in Strategy. In seeking to meet the challenge of rigour posed in the late 1970s, strategy scholars have largely drawn on theoretical positions unsuited to the understanding of the role of human action. Thus, strategy as practice research typically draws on a different range of theoretical perspectives. Yet more fundamentally, the placing of practice at the centre requires a different view of what strategy as a subject is about. In taking this stance, we build on a number of traditions. The pragmatist tradition of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (see, for example, Dewey, James, and Mead) asked much the same question about human behaviour. Early research in the strategy field itself, not the least being that undertaken by Henry Mintzberg, took seriously the question of what managers actually do. The process tradition in

strategy research has acknowledged the importance of people and what they do. The “practice turn” in the social sciences exemplified by Giddens and Bourdieu also usefully informs our interests, as does the “linguistic turn” championed by those such as Fairclough and drawing on the work of others such as Foucault. We do not, therefore, claim to be entirely original. However, what we do lay claim to, and what people have become excited about, is that whilst the strategy field has moved away from this interest in what people do, Strategy as Practice seeks to bring that back to centre stage.

This renewed focus also raises research challenges. There is a greater need for plurality in terms of levels of analysis (extending from the micro level analysis of what people do to recognising strategic practice as an institutionalised phenomenon), in terms of actors (not just senior executives, but consultants, middle managers, non executive directors, and even investment bankers), in terms of dependent variables (not just organizational performance, but also the performance of people), in terms of theories (with a concern for those that best address practice and action) and in terms of research methods (with a concern for proximity to strategic practitioners and their actions pointing towards less traditional researcher/practitioner collaborative approaches). As researchers in a developing field, we are excited about these challenges, and by the opportunities afforded for the discussion and integration of these ideas with more mainstream Strategy research through the SAP track within the BPS division.

*For a more in-depth overview of the strategy as practice field, please see Johnson, Melin & Whittington, 2003, “Strategy: An activity based view”, Special Issue Journal of Management Studies; Balogun, Jarzabkowski & Seidl, 2007, “Strategizing: The challenges of a practice perspective”, Special Issue Human Relations; Johnson, Langley, Melin & Whittington, 2007, “Strategy as Practice”, Cambridge University Press.*

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**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Strategic Management at Florida State University**

The College of Business at Florida State University is currently accepting applications for their doctoral program in Strategic Management for August 2009. For more information about the programs and faculty at FSU, please visit the FSU Management Department's website at: <http://www.cob.fsu.edu/man/>.

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**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Strategic Management, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship at Georgia Tech**

Georgia Tech's Ph.D. program is strongly research oriented, and emphasizes the early involvement of our students in research projects with world-wide leading faculty. The Ph.D. program places significant weight on learning outside the classroom. Given the small size of the program, the tutorial-mentor model is the primary educational approach employed. Thus, doctoral students experience significant attention and support by a diverse set of world-class faculty.

At Georgia Tech, the study of strategic management is interdisciplinary and integrative, providing focus in the areas of technology and innovation management, entrepreneurship, and international management. The Strategic Management area represents a strong community of active researchers pursuing a wide variety of interests. See [http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac\\_research/acad\\_areas/stg\\_mgt.html](http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac_research/acad_areas/stg_mgt.html) for more information.

The COM at Georgia Tech is the home of an NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training program, Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results (TI:GER, see <http://tiger.gatech.edu/>), as well as a US Department of Education funded Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER, see <http://www.ciber.gatech.edu/>). Additional information about Georgia Tech's COM and its faculty is available at: <http://mgt.gatech.edu/>. The Strategic Management area represents a strong community of active researchers pursuing a diversity of interests (See [http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac\\_research/acad\\_areas/stg\\_mgt.html](http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac_research/acad_areas/stg_mgt.html) for more information). The strategy area at Georgia Tech hosts and co-sponsors leading annual research conferences like the *Roundtable for Engineering Entrepreneurship Research (REER)* and the *Atlanta Competitive Advantage Conference (ACAC)*, which provide an opportunity to mingle with world-wide leading scholars in entrepreneurship and strategy.

**Application deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> for admission in the following fall semester (August 15<sup>th</sup>).** All relevant financial information, including the application package is online at [http://mgt.gatech.edu/programs/phd.html?link=left\\_info\\_for](http://mgt.gatech.edu/programs/phd.html?link=left_info_for). The strategy area will consider applicants that took either the GMAT or the GRE.

Contact the strategy Ph.D. coordinator, Professor Frank T. Rothaermel at [frank.rothaermel@mgt.gatech.edu](mailto:frank.rothaermel@mgt.gatech.edu) for any remaining questions.

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**NEWS FROM BPS GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVES****OCEANIA**

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“*Managing in the Pacific Century*” is the theme for the 22nd Annual conference of the **Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management, ANZAM**, to be held at Auckland, New Zealand, from **2-5 December 2008**. Hosted by the University of Auckland Business School, the keynote speakers for this conference will include Professor Anne Tsui (Arizona State and Peking University) and Professor Kulwant Singh (National University of Singapore). More details are available at the conference website:

[www.anzam.org/conference2008](http://www.anzam.org/conference2008) or by email from: [promaco@promaco.com.au](mailto:promaco@promaco.com.au).

The 23<sup>rd</sup> **Annual ANZAM conference** will be held in Monash, Australia, from **2-4 December 2009**. Hosted by Monash University, the theme of this conference is “*Sustainable Management and Marketing*”. Keynote speakers include Professor Tim Flannery - who was awarded Australian of the Year in 2007 for his contributions to the environment. The deadline for papers is **26 June 2009**. Further details on academic matters are available from Prof. James Sarros ([james.sarros@buseco.monash.edu.au](mailto:james.sarros@buseco.monash.edu.au)); please direct all other queries to [promaco@promaco.com.au](mailto:promaco@promaco.com.au).

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**NORTH AMERICA**

*Hari Bapuji, University of Manitoba, Canada*

The annual conference of **Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC)** will be held in Niagara Falls on June 6-9, 2009. The conference is themed: *Creating Knowledge in the New Economy*. The conference will include paper presentations in 30 different research tracks and a special case track. Submission can be made by 30 January 2009. For more information on the conference, please visit: <http://asac2009.somethingon.com/about/>. The conference will be hosted by the School of Business & Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.

The **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)** is a Canadian government agency that promotes and supports university-based research. Its annual grants and scholarships budget is over \$300 million. Recently, SSHRC initiated a number of specific funding opportunities particularly aimed at promoting research in Management, Business, and Finance. Besides awards for regular academic research, the program includes many awards aimed at international collaboration, which might be of particular interest to researchers interested in collaborating with Canadian researchers. For more information on SSHRC and its funding opportunities, please visit: [www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca).

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**EUROPE**

*Andrea Ordanini, Bocconi University*

The **9th Annual EURAM Conference** will be held the 11th-14th May 2009. The conference theme this year is *Renaissance & Renewal in Management Studies*. The conference will be held at the ACC Arena, Mersey River Waterfront, Liverpool, UK. More details are available at the conference website: [www.euram2009.org](http://www.euram2009.org).

The **European Management Review** would like to announce its Special Issue on *Strategic Dynamics in Industry Architectures: The challenges of Knowledge Integration*. The submission deadline is January 15, 2009. Guest editors are Stefano Brusoni, [stefano.brusoni@unibocconi.it](mailto:stefano.brusoni@unibocconi.it), Michael G Jacobides, [mjacobides@london.edu](mailto:mjacobides@london.edu), and Andrea Prencipe, [a.prencipe@unich.it](mailto:a.prencipe@unich.it).

The **2nd Annual Copenhagen Conference on Partnerships** will be held November 17-18, 2008 at the Copenhagen Business School. The conference theme is *"Creating Innovative Solutions through Collaboration."* Conference details are available at: [http://uk.cbs.dk/forskning\\_viden/konferencer/partnershipconference2008](http://uk.cbs.dk/forskning_viden/konferencer/partnershipconference2008)

The 25th EGOS Colloquium on the Passion for Creativity and Innovation will be held July 2-4, 2009 at ESADE Business School in Barcelona, Spain. Conference details are available at: [http://www.egosnet.org/conferences/collo25/colloquium\\_2009.shtml](http://www.egosnet.org/conferences/collo25/colloquium_2009.shtml)

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**REMINDER: 2009 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**August 7-11, 2009**  
***Green Management Matters***

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management will be held August 7-11, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting theme is Green Management Matters. [www.aomonline.org](http://www.aomonline.org).

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