4th Organizations, Artifacts and Practices (OAP) Workshop

Rules, Regulations and Materiality in Management and Organization Studies

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Objectives

The first OAP workshop was launched in May of 2011 at Paris-Dauphine with the goal of facilitating discussion among scholars from various disciplines (e.g. management, sociology, anthropology, ergonomics, computer science, psychology...) who collectively share an interest in understanding the dynamics that exist between organizations, artifacts (IT, managerial techniques, buildings, machines, cognitive schemes, symbols...), and practices. OAP relates to debates in the fields of Science and Technology Studies (STS), Sociomateriality, Organizational Space, Symbolic artifacts and Managerial Techniques, among others. The theme of the second workshop at Paris-Dauphine was ‘Sociomateriality and Space’ and the third workshop at the London School of Economics was on ‘Sociomateriality and Time’.

The workshop’s fourth session will concentrate on the subject of rules and regulations in organizations. In the context of global competition and the global crisis experienced by most countries all over the world, the issue of regulation is more than ever at stake. How are organizations regulated through everyday practices? How are everyday practices entangled with information technologies, work environments, and organizational spaces? How is organizational control implemented through, against, with, everyday material artifacts? To compete globally, how do organizations standardize their products, services, and infrastructures, to embed themselves in global markets? At a more micro-level, how are these global practices enacted locally and with what effects at the macro-level (on society)? What are the relationships between norms, practices and artifacts? Do regulations expected to be conveyed by artifacts have any specificity?

This fourth workshop will aim at shedding light on the following topics, among others:

- Rules and their relationships with material artifacts in organizations, and more generally, organizational space and time;
- Organizational regulations and their relationships with materiality;
- The relationship between regulation and legitimation in organizations, and their material underpinnings;
- The standardization of organizations and their products and their material dimensions,
- Performativity and normativity in organizations;
- Levels of regulations (societal, organizational, groupal) and their interplay;

It will also be a way to come back to the more usual themes of OAP:

- Artifacts and objects as the constituents, results or outputs of organizations and organizing;
- The issue of materialization and performativity in organizations;
- The entanglements or imbrication between the material and social dimensions of organizational practices;
- New vocabularies to act or overcome the social-material dichotomy (what else beyond Latour)?
- Discourses and materiality;
- The exploration of organizational space, artifacts and spatial practices;
- The affordance of materiality and space in organizations;
- Performativity, time and materiality;
- Marxist and post-marxist approaches of materiality;
- History, longue-durée and materiality.

Administrative support & queries

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Location and registration

The 4th OAP Workshop will take place at LUISS Business School in Rome (Italy) on June 26 and 27, 2014. More information can be found at: http://workshopoap.wordpress.com/ or http://www.dauphine.fr.

Registration will start in early February 2014.

There are no fees associated with attending this workshop.

Program (provisional)

**June 26, 2014**

12:00–14:00  Registration
14:00–16:30  Parallel Sessions
17:00–18:15  Welcome talk
18:00–19:30  Keynote 1
21:00         Social event

**June 27, 2014**

09:30–10:30  Keynote 2
10:30–11:00  Break
11:00–12:30  Parallel sessions
12:30–14:00  Lunchtime at LUISS (buffet)
14:00–16:00  Parallel Sessions
16:15–18:30  Keynote 3 and concluding discussion about OAP 2014

Submission

Those interested in participating must submit an abstract of no more than 1,000 words on the EasyChair system (https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=oap2014) by January 27, 2014. This abstract must outline the applicant’s proposed contribution to the workshop. The proposal must be in .doc/.docx/.rtf format and should contain the author’s/authors’ names as well as their institutional affiliations, email address(es), and postal address(es).

Authors will be notified of the committee’s decision by February 17, 2014.

References


