

2018 Best Critical Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Award

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Will you, or one of your doctoral students, have completed a doctoral dissertation/thesis in the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018? Does the dissertation/thesis fall within the scope of the Critical Management Studies (CMS) Division's domain statement? If you have answered YES to both questions, we want to hear from you.

The Division is inviting submissions for the 2018 Best Critical Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Award, which is sponsored by the journal *Organization*. Submitters must have completed a critical Ph.D. dissertation/thesis in the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 and successfully completed the formal examination process required to pass, including a viva voce and revisions, if applicable.

WHAT IS 'CRITICAL'?

The CMS Division serves as a forum within the Academy of Management for the expression of views critical of established management ideologies and practices, the taken-for-granted social or economic orders surrounding organization and business, and mainstream management theorizing/theories. Our premise is that structural features of contemporary society encourage organizations and their managers towards domination and exploitation. Driven by a shared desire to change this situation, we aim in our research, teaching, and practice to develop critical interpretations of management and society and to generate radical alternatives. Sample topics include, but are not limited to: critical analyses of discourses of management and management development; critical assessments of

emerging alternative forms of organization; critical epistemologies and methodologies; critical perspectives on business strategy; critical perspectives on class, gender, and race; critical perspectives on globalization, entrepreneurship, technological innovation, e-working, management consulting practices; critical perspectives on the profit-imperative and the natural environment; critical theories of identity, affectivity, rationality, and subjectivity; critical theories of resistance to managerial authority; critical theories of the nature of managerial authority; critiques of managerialist theories of management and organization; critiques of political economy; postcolonial critiques of organizations and management. For more information about the Division see <http://cms.aom.org>.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Submissions must comprise four documents: **1)** A title page and abstract with complete author identification and contact information. **2)** An abridged version of the dissertation without author identification, which will be sent to reviewers. This should include title, abstract, and a summary of each chapter of the dissertation/thesis (max. 30 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font, including any charts, tables and references). **3)** A one page signed supporting letter from the dissertation chair or lead supervisor to certify the completion date of the dissertation/thesis and recommend its submission for this award. **4)** Details of everyone involved in the examination process (so that examiners can be excluded from the review process) along with the names and email addresses of four other scholars

with expertise in the area of the doctorate, who may be appropriate as reviewers.

Submissions, which should be sent as PDF email attachments to Mark Learmonth (mark.learmonth@durham.ac.uk), must be received by April 1st, 2018. Submitters will be informed of the outcome by May 31st 2018. The award will be presented at the CMS Division business meeting at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 10-14 2018, Chicago, Illinois, USA. The winner receives a prize sponsored by *Organization* and a two-year subscription to the journal provided by SAGE. Previous winners of the competition are listed at <http://cms.aom.org/awards-and-competitions>.

