

CRITICAL MANAGEMENT STUDIES (CMS)

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2018 CMS Division Scholarly Program: Call for Submissions

We invite submissions falling within the scope of the CMS Division's domain statement for the scholarly program at the 2018 Academy of Management meeting in Chicago.

The CMS Division serves as a forum for the presentation of research that is critical of established mainstream management practice and the taken-for-granted social or economic orders surrounding organization and business. Our premise is that structural features of contemporary society encourage organizations – and those in charge of them – towards domination and exploitation. Approaches to understanding these dynamics draw on a wide range of perspectives including anarchist, critical theory, feminist, labor process, Marxist and post-Marxist, post-structuralist, postmodern, postcolonial, psychoanalytic, as well as other approaches. Some recent trends in topics include, but are not limited to: economic inequality, social change and social movements, alternative economic and organizational forms, power and elite individuals and organizations, feminist ecology, and critical histories of management thought.

As critical management scholars, the theme of the 2018 meeting, "Improving Health and Well-being in Society: How Can Organizations Help?"; and the questions it raises: How can organizations contribute to the betterment of society through elevating the health and well-being of those who live in it? What role can organizations play in positively affecting the physical, psychological, social, and financial health of individuals, groups, communities, countries, regions, or global society?; resonates with us deeply. As does the inclusion in the Theme's call encouraging "diverse forms of research".

The sub-issues raised in the Theme's call, for example: What are organizations doing to positively impact the health and well-being of an aging workforce?; What organizational actions can provide a basis for employees with mental/physical health concerns to flourish?; What are organizations doing to contribute to a more inclusive society and the health and well-being of diverse communities? And, what solutions organizations (individually or collectively) offer to ensure the health of the planet and, thereby, improve societal health and well-being?; provide rich opportunities for critical inquiry using the critical approaches associated with CMS, outlined above. As does the Theme's emphasis on rising inequality and the impact organizations have had on, or can have to improve the lot of, society's most vulnerable groups.

Scholarly papers and symposium proposals that address the conference theme are particularly welcomed and we would urge all members to read the call closely. However, for those who do not wish to engage directly with the conference theme, papers and symposium proposals that relate to the CMS domain and advance scholarship within the Academy are also encouraged. In addition, we support submissions that cross division and interest

group boundaries to engage members from across the Academy and we encourage symposium proposals with multiple division co-sponsors.

If you want to discuss a potential submission or symposium, you can email us no later than December 16, 2016, with your queries or ideas. The submission system opens **Tuesday, November 14, 2017** and the submission **deadline** is **Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 5pm ET (New York Time)**.

CMS Division Awards

As part of the scholarly program, the Division will present a number of awards recognizing:

Best Critical Paper

Best Doctoral Student Critical Paper

Best Critical International Business Paper

Best Critical Management Learning and Education Paper

Best Critical Business Ethics Paper

Best 'Dark Side' Case Study

Best Critical Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis

Best Developmental Reviewer

Please refer to the [Division's website for more detail on these awards](#). We celebrate all award recipients at the Division's meeting at the Conference.

Call for Reviewers: Our Community Needs You!

The success of our Division's scholarly program very much depends on as many members as possible signing up as reviewers. Even if you are not intending to submit or attend, we encourage you to sign up as a reviewer. Our strength as a community comes from as many members as possible participating as fully as possible to lighten the load for everyone. The Division recognizes the valuable role played by reviewers through its award for Best Developmental Reviewer. You can sign up now to review at <http://review.aom.org/>. The review period is from mid-January to mid-February, 2018.