

Strong Structuration Theory Workshop: more on bridging ontological concepts and empirical evidence

Key Speaker: Professor Lisa Jack

Discussant: Professor Rob Stones

Audencia Business School, 8 Route de la Jonelière, 44300 Nantes, France

Monday 27th May 2019 (afternoon) - Tuesday 28th April 2019 (morning)

Cost: £100 (£50 for PhD students and retired academics)

Registration: www.managementcontrolassociation.ac.uk/sst

This is now the fifth annual workshop on strong structuration theory and we are delighted to take up the invitation to hold the workshop in Nantes, France. Professor Lisa Jack is our key speaker and we are very pleased to welcome Professor Rob Stones back as a discussant on her papers. Lisa's recent work has explored communication of accounting (including performance measurement and controls) by accountants and managers as active agency in strong structuration studies. The aim is to strengthen the epistemological aspects of the theory as a bridge between ontological concepts and empirical evidence. It is also designed to help us theorise what communication of accounting and control by agents in context does to maintain and change existing structures. In recent publications, Rob has been further developing key aspects of the ontology and epistemology of SST, whilst also advancing what has been a long-term project to bring moral and political philosophy into the heart of empirical case study research. A new book collection of articles on the theory, application and significance of SST is planned for 2020.

The overall aim of this workshop is to continue reflecting on the 'conceptual methodology' (Stones and Jack, 2016) of SST and how to bridge ontological concepts and empirical evidence in our work.

There will be the opportunity to see how the theory is being applied in different disciplines, with presentations of recent projects in management research in a workshop environment, where participants can develop their knowledge and understanding of using SST in the design and analysis of empirical case studies.

The workshop is open to all established and early career researchers interested in the use of social theories in management research. We invite submission of abstracts (500-750 words) of papers for discussion at the workshop by 15th April 2019 with full papers or presentations by 15th May 2019.

Submission of abstracts, registration and payment can be made at

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