

Emerging Scholars Colloquium at the 40th Anniversary Management Control Conference

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham, UK

FIRST CALL

Submission Deadline: 30 April 2026

The Management Control Association (MCA) is pleased to organize its **Emerging Scholars Colloquium**, as part of the **40th Anniversary Management Control Conference**, and to invite submissions from Emerging Scholars (e.g. late-stage PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and newly appointed lecturers within 3–5 years of award/first appointment).

The colloquium is a one-day event for emerging scholars working in the broad domain of management control research. This year the colloquium will be held at Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham, UK, hosted by the Department of Accounting, on **17th June 2026**, immediately before the full conference taking place on **18-19 June 2026**. Acceptance into the colloquium may also grant no-fee admission to the full conference, but as places are limited, we encourage emerging scholars to apply early to have this opportunity.

The colloquium aims to:

- introduce emerging scholars into the broad management control research community
- provide an opportunity to present and discuss research projects with a cohort of scholars, including distinguished international faculty
- generate new links with like-minded scholars, helping to build international networks and advance academic careers

Plenary Speaker

We are delighted to announce that the confirmed plenary speaker at the Colloquium is **Professor Paolo Quattrone**. Paolo is Professor of Accounting, Governance and Society at the Alliance Manchester Business School, Associate Fellow at Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford, MISUM Visiting Professor at the Stockholm School of Economics and Otto Møsted Visiting Professor at Copenhagen Business School. His research examines how material accounting visualisations shape decision-making, strategising, and governance (less for the information they convey than for the social interactions they catalyse), particularly under conditions of radical uncertainty and ambiguity, and it explores how absence, lack, invisibility, and mystery operate within accounting. Paolo is the 5th recipient of the EIASM Interdisciplinary Leader Award and was co-Editor-in-Chief of *Organization Studies*.

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The Faculty

The colloquium will be organized into small group sessions guided by leading scholars in the field, representing various research methodologies, topics, and a range of theoretical expertise. We are pleased to welcome the following faculty:

Dr Giulia Achilli *Birmingham Business School (UK)*
Dr Chris J. Ford *Lancaster University Management School (UK)*
Professor Elaine Harris..... *University of Roehampton Business School (UK)*
Professor Paolo Quattrone *Alliance Manchester Business School (UK)*
Dr Anna Raffoni *Loughborough Business School (UK)*
Professor Leonardo Rinaldi..... *Royal Holloway Business School (UK)*

Registration

We anticipate heightened demand for places and urge early registration. Check the MCA website for full details of how to register at:

<https://www.managementcontrolassociation.ac.uk/>

Submissions Details:

Interested Emerging Scholars wishing to participate in this event are invited to apply before 30 April 2026, by submitting ONE single Word file including:

1. **an abstract of 1-2 sides of A4 that provides description of the research project** (maximum 2,000 words). The submission must include:

- the title of the project and a summary of the research question
- the theoretical and methodological framework(s) used or considered
- the expected contribution
- the potential implications from the research,
- a brief discussion of the results to date, and any challenges encountered.

It should also include the list of bibliographical references (but will not be tallied towards the maximum word count). **Please note:** the project can be early stage, e.g., research proposal, literature review, mid-stage with preliminary findings and analysis issues or later/writing up stage with findings.

2. **a one-page curriculum vitae**, including name, e-mail address, institutional affiliation, research interests

Submission Process & Deadline:

Applications should be submitted no later than 30 April 2026, **sent by email to leonardo.rinaldi@rhul.ac.uk**, indicating "MCA Emerging Scholars Colloquium 2026" in the subject. The file name should be in the format: abstracttheauthorssurname.docx (or pdf). **Your will be notified of your acceptance by 16 May 2026.**

Abstracts will be made available to all delegates prior to the conference. More information about the event will be provided upon acceptance of the proposals.

Contacts

Should you have any question, please contact **Leonardo Rinaldi** (leonardo.rinaldi@rhul.ac.uk).

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