

CRITICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

Report of Activities 2012-2013



The Critical and Historical Perspectives (CHP) Group was established in 2012 to provide a forum and focus for researchers across the School who take these perspectives, and to develop the national and international profile and network of such work.

Theme Group Leader: Professor Christopher Grey

Theme Group Members: (* indicates a person who has attended one or more of the group's events) Gloria Agyemang*, Alan Bradshaw*, Jane Broadbent*, Donna Brown, Derrick Chong*, Neil Conway*, Jane Davison*, Rachel Doern*, Evangelos Giouvriss*, Chris Hackley*, Catherine Harbor*, Chris Howorth*, Ashok Jashapora*, Pauline McLaren*, Brendan McSweeney, Fiona Moore*, Christopher Napier*, Justin O'Brien, Gül Berna Ozcan *, Chris Rees*, Alexander Reppel, Laura Spence*, Gillian Symon*, Hui Tan, Dennis Tourish*, Chin-Ju Tsai*, Yingquin Zheng. PhD students: Christopher Hall*, John King*, Boyka Simeonova*.

Internal Events

One part of CHP activities consists of theme group members meeting informally to share research across the School and to create a discussion between different subject groups. In 2012-13, internal sessions were led by: Dr Alan Bradshaw (Marketing), Dr Gül Berna Ozcan (SIBE), Professor Christopher Napier (Accounting).

External Research Seminars

These events, which are open to all members of the School, are more formal in character with invited external speakers presenting current research followed by discussion. In 2012-2013 the speakers were:

Professor Andrew Sturdy (Head of the School of Management, University of Bristol), *Management as consultancy? Neo-bureaucracy and the new manager as consultant*

Dr Suki Sian (Senior Lecturer in Accounting, Queen Mary, University of London), *Artificial corporatism: A portal to power for accountants in Brazil*

Annual Distinguished Speaker

This event is hosted by the group but open to everyone in the School, College, and external guests. The aim is to attract a leading international scholar working in the areas of the CHP theme and to foster interaction between this person, the group and senior external scholars with CHP interests.

The inaugural speaker for 2012-13 was:

Professor Mats Alvesson (Lund University, Sweden), *The Triumph of Emptiness. Consumption, Higher Education, and Work Organization*

Invited external guests: Dr Sadhvi Dar (Queen Mary, University of London, CMS Division of AoM representative), Professor Rick Delbridge (Cardiff University, Associate Editor, *Academy of Management Review*), Professor Steve Fox (Queen Mary, University of London, *Management Learning*), Professor Yiannis Gabriel (Bath University, Senior Editor, *Organization Studies*), Professor Isabelle Huault (Université Paris-Dauphine, Joint Co-ordinator European CMS doctoral programme), David Musson (Commissioning Editor for Business and Management, Oxford University Press), Professor Martin Parker (Leicester University, out-going Editor, *Organization*), Professor Véronique Perret (Université Paris-Dauphine, Joint Co-ordinator European CMS doctoral programme), Professor Robyn Thomas (Cardiff University, Editor, *Organization*).

Funded Projects

CHP allocated seed corn research funding to:

Dr Gül Berna Ozcan (SIBE) £1,700 to host a visitor from Istanbul Technical University to work with her on research on 'Economic Liberalisation, Politically Connected Firms and Privatisation'.

Dr Fiona Moore (OSHRM) £1,800 to conduct preliminary research on 'Ethnic Identity and Knowledge Networks among Taiwanese Businesspeople in the UK and Canada'.

Visiting PhD student

Laura D'Hont (Université Paris-Dauphine) visited in 2013 to work on her thesis on 'friendship networks in organizations' under the supervision of Professor Chris Grey.

Visiting Professor

Professor Dan Kärreman of Copenhagen Business School was appointed by the School as a 20% Visiting Professor from 1st July 2013 and is closely aligned with the CHP Group.