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


**External Research Seminars**

Professor Martin Parker (Leicester University): *University Ltd: Changing a Business School.*

Professor Mahmoud Ezzamel (Cardiff University): *Popularizing a Management Accounting Idea: The Case of the Balanced Scorecard.*

Professor Dan Kärreman (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and RHUL): *Control Work in Complex Organizations – Constructive Insubordination, Translation and Peer Reviewing in a High-tech Firm.*

Professor Mike Saren (Leicester University): *It’s yet another Critique of Marketing – it’s Boring.*
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 in 2013 was Professor Mats Alvesson (Lund University, Sweden). The 2014 Speaker was:

Professor Silvia Gherardi (Trento University, Italy): *How Critical is the Critical Power of the Practice Lens?*

Invited external guests: Professor Chris Chapman (Imperial, Editor-in-Chief, *Accounting, Organizations and Society*), Professor Peter Fleming (City University), Professor Debra Howcroft (Manchester University, Head of Financial Digital Information Group), Professor André Spicer (City University, Associate Editor, *Journal of Management Studies*), Professor Hugh Willmott (Cardiff University, Associate Editor, *Organization* and REF Panel member)

Funded Projects

CHP allocated seed corn research funding to:

Dr Benedetta Cappellini (Marketing): £2000 to study ‘Feeding the Family in Hard Times: Gender and the Micro-politics of Household Consumption’ (with Dr Vicki Harman, RHUL and Professor Elizabeth Parsons, Liverpool University).

Project reports from previous awards were received from:

Dr Gül Berna Ozcan (SIBE), whose award of £1,700 to host a visitor from Istanbul Technical University, Turkey to work with her on research on ‘Economic Liberalisation, Politically Connected Firms and Privatisation’ resulted in papers submitted to *International Business Review* and *International Review of Political Economy*.

Dr Fiona Moore (OSHRM), whose award of £1,800 to conduct preliminary research on ‘Ethnic Identity and Knowledge Networks among Taiwanese Businesspeople in the UK and Canada’ resulted in collection of pilot study data and a funding proposal to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, in collaboration with researchers at Victoria University (British Columbia)

Visiting Professors

Professor Dan Kärreman of Copenhagen Business School, one of the School’s permanent Visiting Professors, is closely aligned with the CHP Group. Professor Paul du Gay, also of Copenhagen Business School will join on the same basis in October.

Professor Andrew Crane of Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto was approved as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar, hosted by CHP member Laura Spence, and will visit in Winter 2014.