



*Call for papers 13<sup>th</sup> Organizations, Artifacts & Practices (OAP) Workshop*

## **Historicity in Organization Studies:**

Describing events and actuality at the borders of our present

**#OAP2023**

**When:** June 9-10<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Where:** Barcelona (ESADE). Face-to-face event.

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This 13<sup>th</sup> OAP workshop jointly organized by ESADE, Université Paris Dauphine-PSL and ESSEC will be an opportunity to come back to the issue of history, historicity and historical process in Management and Organization Studies (MOS).

We expect papers likely to explore historical processes and historical events from (new) metaphysical perspectives, in particular with regards to four topics:

- **Social movements**, revolutions and protests in past, present and future societies. We are interested in papers exploring the politics and power at stake in historical processes (1);
- **Digitality**, AI and all calculative practices at stake in the world of organizing, their genealogy and becoming (2);
- **Managerial instruments**, dispositives, their genealogies and relationships with larger collective activities (3);
- **Philosophical and metaphysical discussions** about time, events and becoming in relationship with historical processes and traditional views of history (4).

We are particularly looking for theoretical and empirical papers mobilizing process philosophers, (post-)phenomenologists and (post-)Marxist thinkers, e.g., Marx, Nietzsche, Foucault, Arendt, Deleuze, Merleau-Ponty, Bergson, Badiou, Cixous, Mead, Whitehead, James, Braidotti, Dewey, Rorty, Marion, Rancière, Henry, Hartog, Jullien, among others.

What are the new metaphysics of history or the post-historical metaphysics likely to renew our views of historical processes and historical events? Shall we get rid of any sense of historicity in our descriptions of organizing? Are we condemned to an exploration of the presents and their episteme? How to explore jointly remote pasts and remote future in our studies of organizing? How to contribute to historical perspectives on futurity (the relationships with the future in the past) and paradoxical historical stances on the future and future events? In the context of climate change and Anthropocene, how can we renew our views of temporality and organizing to include geological time in our analysis? How can indigenous and dead ontologies and mythologies help us to renew our thought of past, present and future events? How can we link “historicity regimes” or “eventfulness regimes” to our studies of organizing? Is there still a space for subjectivation and agonism in our understandings of historical regimes and opening of our present by events and actuality? Those are the kind of questions we would love to animate in the context of this OAP 2023.

Of course, our event will also be opened to more traditional OAP ontological discussions around the materiality, time, space and place of organizing in a digital era, e.g., papers discussing sociomateriality, affordances, spacing, emplacement, atmosphere, events, becoming, practices, flows, existentiality in the context of our digital world.

Please note that OAP 2023 will include a pre-event entitled: *“Latour is alive: becoming and legacy for a world in the making”*. OAP adventure has been deeply influenced by Bruno Latour, from the first OAP about social network to the following sessions about sociomateriality in 2013, 2014 and 2015 till our last event about posthumanism. During OAP 2023, we will gather OAPers who have been influenced by Latour to discuss his legacy for Management and Organization Studies.

Those interested in our pre-OAP event and our OAP workshop must submit an extended abstract of no more than 1,000 words to [workshopoap@gmail.com](mailto:workshopoap@gmail.com). The abstract must outline the applicant’s proposed contribution to the workshop. The proposal must be in .doc/.docx/.rtf format and should contain the author’s/authors’ names as well as their institutional affiliations, email address(es), and postal address(es). Deadline for submissions will be **February 3rd, 2023** (midnight CET).

Authors will be notified of the committee’s decision by **February 28th, 2023**.

Please note that OAP 2023 will take place only onsite this year (depending on how the COVID-19 situation evolves).

There are no fees associated with attending this workshop.

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