

Philosophy of Management

CALL FOR PAPERS

SPECIAL ISSUE: PHILOSOPHICAL LESSONS FROM THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

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Rationale

The global financial crisis has created a broader crisis of confidence in the capitalist system and, in particular, in economists' ability to predict, and politicians' ability to prevent major economic crises. Learning from the crisis in connection with a philosophical perspective is crucial from a philosophy on management point of view. Much of the understanding of the Enron tragedy, and others, has come not during the tragedies but from retrospective, informed considerations of the events. In this issue we wish to develop an understanding of the financial crisis, and exploration of prevailing approaches to business, at the level of underlying philosophy in order to determine what changes might be apposite. For instance, it might be argued that the financial crisis has taught us some new lessons in business ethics, but it might also be held that it has only highlighted what had been observed and argued long before the crisis – for example by Ghoshal¹ in 2005. It might also be argued that the crisis suggests the need to reconsider epistemological presuppositions of management such as predictability, or that the relative roles of transnational corporations and nation-states require a paradigm change in political philosophy.

Contributions are invited which may be critical of, or sympathetic to, those involved in the crisis. Articles may address the subject from a holistic perspective or deal with specific areas.

Scope

Papers are called for which offer philosophical analyses of how the crisis evolved, how it has affected business practices, and how practices might change in response to the crisis. Areas to be addressed could include:

- The professional responsibilities of managers and professional advisors
- The ethical practice of organisational management versus auditors, in accounting
- Trust
- Risk management
- Executive compensation
- Profit maximisation and shareholder value
- CSR and stakeholder management
- Banking
- Mortgage administration
- Hedge funds, derivatives and special purpose vehicles
- Governmental regulation and rating agencies
- Crisis management
- Management educators and education

¹ Ghoshal, S. (2005), Bad Management Practices Are Destroying Good Management Practices, in: Academy of Management Learning and Education, Vol. 4, No. 1, 75-91

The above list is purely illustrative. Any submission that addresses aspects of the crisis from a philosophical view of business practices will be considered. (By philosophical, we mean thoroughgoing, concentrated philosophical treatment of the chosen topic, beyond eg critical perspectives.)

Contributions

Contributors are asked to send paper proposals with abstracts to the address below. Where the proposal is provisionally accepted, the contributor will be asked to submit a full paper draft for peer-review. Proposed contributions will be welcome in the form of

- Papers
- Short opinion pieces (500-2,000 words)
- Case studies
- Interviews
- Literature reviews

Contributions - other than opinion pieces - should be 4-7,000 words in length.

Timetable

Proposals with abstracts	Due by Friday 25 June 2010
Provisional acceptances	Notified by Thursday 22 July
Drafts for refereeing	Due by Friday 28 October
Referee reports	Friday 15 January 2011
Final drafts	Due by Wednesday 17 March
Publication	Summer 2011

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Please provide a separate brief resume of the author(s) and full address for correspondence including phone, fax and email.

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