



## **SIG 12 - RM&RP - Research Methods and Research Practice**

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### **T12\_04 - Historical Research in Management Studies**

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#### **Short description:**

The track 'Historical Research in Management Studies' addresses the historical development of management and related areas (e.g., entrepreneurship, international business, marketing, retailing, strategy, accounting, auditing, management tools, etc.), concepts, theories, and practices as well as the application and evolution of historical research methods. We aim to encourage theoretically orientated social science history, and its methods, with a clear relationship to present-day debates and practices in the management discipline; from that, the types of contributions that are looked for fall into the following two categories. First, historical analyses of management concepts, theories, and practices. Second, contributions regarding revisitation or new directions

#### **Long description:**

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financial statements - these latter are considered as expressions of the intuitions and ideas of the organizational members and related actions. Being based on archival evidence, historical methods feature named organisations within their contexts, making it easier for scholars and learners to relate to and emphasise with them. Second, this track invites contributions able to discuss the ways of using historical materials, new directions in management historical research and oral history, and the importance of a historical perspective in management. Historic-based business studies have the advantage of being teachable and we believe that the historical methods - thanks to their unique understandings of historical context, chronology, continuity, and change - create a sort of narrative that aids the sensemaking of management concepts, theories, and practices. Case studies, longitudinal analysis, micro-history approach, ANTI-history approach, history as rhetoric, and genealogical pragmatic analysis constitute only

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Goal 4: Quality education, Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth, Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions

**Publication Outlet:**

- a. Presented papers can be included as Chapters in the Edited Book "Management History: Global Perspectives". More info is present at the following link: <https://www.infoagepub.com/series/Management-History-Global-Perspectives> Deadline for submitting the chapter is September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- b. The best papers presented in the track, chosen by the co-proponents, can receive a fast-track review process (i.e., no desk reject) for the *Journal of Management History*.

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