



The Actor-Reality Construction

VIII conference

Call for papers

PRAGMATIC CONSTRUCTIVISM AND ACTOR-REALITY CONSTRUCTION

SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA, PISA, ITALY,

24TH OCTOBER (Starts at 12:00) – 26TH OCTOBER 2018 (Ends at 13:00).

Invited Speakers

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About the conference

Research on pragmatic constructivism emphasizes the role of the actor – as a controller, manager, entrepreneur, agent, etc. – in the construction of organized reality. Through interaction, organizational actors seek to establish and construct certain intended processes and effects in the organization and hence to establish a joint “construct causality”. Four dimensions of reality – facts, possibilities, values, and communication – must be integrated in the actor-world relation if the construct is to form a successful basis for effective actions. During this eighth conference, we intend to consolidate and further develop the pragmatic constructivist framework and the Actor-Reality Perspective on management and accounting.

This year's conference welcomes submissions within a variety of topics such as management, accounting, performance management, cooperation, new public management, etc. The possible focus areas of the desired submissions include (but are not limited to) the following themes:

Possibilities, digitalization, numbers and actors

- If everything is digitalized, what are the important consequences for human actors and what are (should be) their roles?
- Artificial “intelligence” and Big Data are alarming indications of that decision-making would be un-contextualized, but are people and local setting then irrelevant?
- How do actors interact with the post-truth culture, where the value of truth and trustworthy performance measurement has collapsed?
- made How do actors identify and construct possibilities in a context of digitalisation; how do they evaluate whether possibilities are factual?
- How can organisational actors produce proactive and pragmatic truth accounting information?

Ethics, values and accountability

- What are values and their roles in a reality construction?
- Who's values are and should we be made accountable to?
- How can we develop more fair and valid instruments for making managers and employees accountable?
- What is the relation between communication and values?

- How can we develop successful forms of co-authorship?

Pragmatic constructivist methodology

- What is relevant methodology of pragmatic constructivism
- What is the relation between interventionist and actor-based research
- How to make changes in language games

This year's conference invites three categories of contributions: i) *Full papers*, ii) *Abstracts* and iii) *PhD-projects*. The conference organizers will provide sufficient time for in-depth discussions and reflections among participants and hopefully further develop their thoughts and paper writings.

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Deadline for registration: 10th September 2018
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