

# First Announcement and Call for Papers

## EGOS 2012 Subtheme

### Organizing in Projects and Temporary Organizations

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**Project research is multidisciplinary in nature. The aim of this subtheme is to provide an arena for scholars from different theoretical backgrounds to discuss their research findings and advance project research by identifying the most relevant theoretical discourses.**

Organizations initiate projects and participate in projects to improve innovative capacity, to carry out fast changes, and to enhance adaptive capability. Projects can be seen as sources of competitive advantage and they can serve as strategic arenas to develop new capabilities that can be reused in future business, or as bridges across organizations in networks and project ecologies. A parallel development trajectory is tied to the role of projects in accommodating complex business transactions. The importance of project-based modes of organizing work has been recognized in wide range of industries. Project-based modes have even been said to represent a new logic of organizing in market based economics.

**"I look forward to seeing organization researchers meet project researchers at EGOS 2012 in Helsinki."**

Karlos Artto, Professor, Project Business research group, Aalto University, Finland

Projects and project-based firms provide a rich context for studying different organizational phenomena and temporary organizations. The context is characterized by complex projects that are implemented in dynamic environments and consist of multiple firms in various roles, with each firm and project having their own business objectives. Although project research has developed quite independently from the organization science, there is an increasing amount of academic research addressing the project way of organizing from different theoretical perspectives.

We welcome papers from different theoretical perspectives that recognize the special contextual characteristics of projects and project-based organizations in their quest to advance organizational and management research. Such perspectives include:

- Relationship between permanent and temporary organizations
- Process and longitudinal research to uncover changes and their mechanisms
- Routines in temporary organizations
- Governance of complex transactions
- Networks and inter-organizational relationships
- Stakeholder management
- Contingencies in managing temporary organizations
- Organizational capabilities and learning
- Innovation management

We encourage you to submit your short paper to this specific subtheme. **The submission deadline is in January 2012. See also [www.egosnet.org](http://www.egosnet.org).**

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