

## **Track no. 11: Researching Temporary Organizations and Project Practices**

**Nordic research on temporary organizations has gained attention among academics worldwide. One reason is that researchers (social sciences and engineering) have integrated theories from their respective fields into research. Also, researchers and practitioners in fact co-produce knowledge. This track relates to the theme of the conference - On Practice and Knowledge Eruptions - and is intended to cover accomplishments as well as challenges for the future.**

It is well known that researchers in other parts of the world envy Nordic researchers for the simple reason that we generally have good research access to companies and other organizations. In project research the situation is even better: There is a considerable and important demand from practitioners for research contributions.

Research on temporary organizations has been successful and many of the world wide engineering/general management/organization theory conference organizers have included such tracks to their conferences, e.g. Academy of Management, Euram, Egos. In addition, some project research conferences are organized through Project Management Institute (PMI) and International Research Network on Organizing by Projects (IRNOP, founded in the 90's).

The theme for this track is in line with what project research in this part of the world is known for and which has stirred a movement in practical project management. It is furthermore intended to combine engineering and social science research concerns. Contributions are welcome from a broad spectrum with the intention of bringing new aspects into research. The following themes might serve as examples:

- Practices in projects for project-based firms
- Co-production of knowledge in the project realm
- Combining engineering and business in projects
- Projects and sustainability
- Exploitative projects and efficiency
- Exploratory projects, learning and outcome
- Project *homo sapiens* – characteristics of a life style
- Project evaluation and learning
- Learning to be a project manager – a generic or a specific challenge
- Project manager professionals as a crucial human resource
- The project owner and the project manager
- Contributions to developing theories of temporary organizations
- Where is research on temporary organizations and projects going
- The coordination problem in project management
- Researching research and innovation projects
- Dualities in project organizing (e.g. order/chaos, hierarchy/network, linear/iterative)

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