Invitation and call for abstracts:

Bourdieu and research in Organization and Management

Seminar at Aalborg University Copenhagen, Denmark
15-16 January 2018

The interest in Pierre Bourdieu’s theoretical and methodological framework within the field of organization and management studies has been increasing in recent years. Bourdieu’s analytical concepts have thus been suggested as a useful and strong framework for progressing the field of organization and management studies (Chudzikowski and Mayerhofer 2011; Emirbayer & Johnson 2008; Tatli et al. 2015; Townley 2014). The key concepts of field, habitus and capital – but also social space, position/disposition, logic, distinction, symbolic power and misrecognition and their inter-relation enable a distinct approach to organizations and management. There are numerous empirical phenomena that may usefully be analysed from this theoretical and methodological perspective. These could fall under the broad themes of agency versus structure, organizational identity, power relations, neoliberalism, public sector reforms and their effects on work/workers/clients, learning in organizations, new managerial practices, emotions and emotional work in organizations, branding, strategy and change, - to mention just a few areas relevant for Bourdieusian approaches to research in organizations and management.

A two-day seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark at Aalborg University will be held for scholars interested in further developing the field of Bourdieusian inspired perspectives on organization and management. The objective of the seminar is twofold: To establish a network of researchers interested in sharing knowledge and ideas concerning what a Bourdieusian perspective can add to research in organization and management as well as to publish an edited volume about Bourdieu and organization/management studies based on the contributions of the seminar participants.

Therefore, we invite you to submit an abstract of maximum 1000 words. Theoretical or methodological perspectives rooted in Bourdieusian lines of thought that are linked to themes within organization and/or
management are welcome. The abstracts may, for example, take their outset in the following themes:

- Social space, meta-fields and transformation of public or private sector organizations.
- Strategy and strategizing as organizational phenomena.
- Positions and dispositions related to identity and meaning in organisations.
- Field, profession, and professional work.
- Organizations as sites for power and dominance.
- Transformation of organisations due to technology, neo-liberalism or knowledge regimes.
- Workplace studies focussing on psychosocial or socio-material dimensions.
- Inequality and diversity in organizations.
- Organizations as sites for consumption and branding.

We invite a number of scholars who work with Bourdieusian theorization and methodology or feel inspired to take up the approach. Our aim is to have no more than 25 participants, allowing for personal discussions concerning how we can further develop and advance the field. Please, reserve a seat no later than 1 October 2017 through the following e-mail: ojt@usn.no. A fee of DKK 750,- will be charged covering coffee, tea, fruit, beverages and lunch at the seminar. Further information about payment will be sent by e-mail after reservation.

Depending on the number of abstracts, the seminar may be organized in one or two tracks. Deadline for abstract submission is 1 December 2017. Please send to all the conveners.

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