

## **Using Historical Methods in Management and Organization Research**

**Dates:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Times:** 09.45 – 17.15

**Venue:** SR1.03, Charles Thakrah Building, University of Leeds



### **Course overview:**

Management and organizational researchers are increasingly interested in the opportunities for historical research. Even though history as a discipline does not have a similar understanding of methodology to management and organization studies, in recent years there have been a number of publications and workshops demystifying historical approaches and analytical techniques. This one-day workshop will introduce participants to basic techniques and recent developments, as well as providing worked examples and on-hand advice for ongoing research projects.

This workshop is addressed to second and third year PhD students and ECRs who engage in historical research as part of their PhD thesis or research project. Please note that if you are offered a place on this workshop, you will be asked to prepare a short presentation about your research project.

### **About the speaker:**

**Professor Stephanie Decker, Aston Business School, Birmingham, UK (co-Editor of *Business History* – Taylor & Francis Publications)**

Stephanie Decker is a Professor in Organization Studies and History at Aston Business School, where she has been working since 2010. After completing her PhD in history at the University of Liverpool in 2006, she held postdoctoral appointments at the LSE and Harvard Business School, before joining the University of Liverpool Management School in 2007/8. She is currently the Associate Director for Research for Aston Business School.

Stephanie's research interests fall into two related areas: business and development in sub-Saharan Africa, and the use of historical analysis for management and organization studies. She received funding from the British Academy and the Economic and Social Science Research Council UK (ESRC) in support of this research. Her second area of research interest is in the area of historical theory and methodology within management and organization studies. This focuses on integrating historical approaches, primarily archival research influenced by postcolonial theory, ethnographic history and microhistory into social scientific research data analysis techniques such as documentary and process-based qualitative studies. This research has received funding from the Leverhulme Trust, the ESRC, the Newton Fund and the British Academy.

Professor Decker has published in top tier academy journals including the Academy of Management Review, Journal of Management Studies, Business History, Organization, as well as Management and Organizational History.

**Programme:**

09.45-10.00	Registration, welcome and introduction
10.00-10.45	Introduction to historical research and how to do archival research
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-11.45	Introduction to source analysis and contextualization
11.45-12.00	Preparation of individual presentations
12.00-13.00	Focus on participants' projects
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Recent developments in organization history, introduction to key debates
15.00-16.00	Worked example: researching organizational corruption at Enron
16.00-16.15	Break
16.15-17.00	How to publish organizational history: journals, rationales and strategies
17.00-17.15	Summary and end of seminar

**How to register:**

Register using the orange button on the following link and ensure that you complete all fields accurately and include details of why you wish to be considered for a place in the 'additional details' box on the online form. Please note that we do use this additional information for selection purposes.

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