

CALL FOR SPECIAL THEMES

Since its re-launch in February 2000, LRP has offered contributions on many themes. These include Knowledge, Knowledge Management and Knowledge Integration, Strategizing, Planning Processes, New Organisational Forms, Outsourcing, Strategic Renewal, Change and Integration, Internationalisation, Asian Crises, Executive Compensation, and Reputation Building. We have included perspectives from academics, consultants, and CEOs of large corporations. We have examined issues facing firms from many countries. However, there are still many gaps.

As Editor, I invite potential authors to contact me with suggestions of special themes they are willing to organise. They should send a one or two page statement concerning the topic they have chosen with a short supplement explaining the authors they intend to contact, the approach they will take, and the time they believe it will take to deliver the manuscripts. I suggest you follow these guidelines:

1. Proposals for Special Themes must foster the aims and objectives of the journal as listed on the website and in the journal.
2. The proposal should have a clear focus that is exciting and relevant. If possible, make reference to articles or ideas recently published in the journal.
3. Ideally a special theme consists of 5 to 7 papers of first rate quality and fit. The minimum number of papers for a theme is 3 provided these three are of first rate quality. As with all things, quality is more important than quantity.
4. Who are the editors and their experience. Special issue proposals must have more than one editor, and among those listed there must be someone who has published extensively in academic outlets and there must be someone with a clearly defined interest and knowledge of practice. The special issue proposal should explain how the editors intend to work together.
5. The proposal should explain clearly how you aim to bridge academia and practice. I welcome you to be co-editors: to co-write papers, to make cases or commentaries, and to be involved in the review process.
6. The proposal should list some potential authors, or at least feature their expressions of interest. General open calls are to be avoided. We normally solicit abstracts and invite people to write papers based on these abstracts.
7. The theme should have a clear timetable. It normally takes 2 years to move from first call to publication.
8. Please note that only the editor in chief may accept a manuscript. So please have a clear communication plan with not just the authors but also the journal. The suggestion is that you keep the editor in chief informed about your progress and send him copies of the final manuscripts before the polishing stages.
9. The time between final acceptance and publishing is between 4 and 7 months. Electronic versions are released earlier. All manuscripts are copy-edited professionally by LRP staff.

Charles Baden-Fuller
Editor in Chief

LRP rules for publishing papers include:

The acceptance procedures for academic authors and consultants are as follows. The final manuscript cannot be accepted without at least one independent referee report (which could be that of the theme editors) and the paper being seen and signed off by the editor in chief. In general, the editor in chief does NOT reject papers, but asks for revisions and shaping to ensure conformity with the journal's missions and standards.

The acceptance procedures for Chief Executives and other senior Policy Makers in the public eye are that the editor is willing to give a conditional promise of publication based on an abstract. This is given after the abstract is agreed with the editor in chief.

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