

Call for papers

Second Seminar of the Nordic Research Network on Trust within and between Organizations

Theme: Trust in a Process Perspective

23-24 November 2011, Roskilde, Denmark

Key-note speaker:

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Purpose and focus of the seminar

Interest in trust research has increased enormously in the past 20 years in several fields of social sciences. Paradoxically, although trust by most trust researchers is seen as a highly dynamic phenomenon our understanding of the dynamics of processes of trust building and of the intertwining of trust and other organizational processes in and around organizations is still rather rudimentary.

The seminar aims to advance our understanding of trust as process, of the intertwining of trust and organizing processes, and of the diverse processes of trust building, trust maintenance, trust erosion and trust repair. The seminar aims to include both empirical and theoretical papers. Qualitative methodological approaches and methods are particularly welcome and we encourage multi-disciplinary papers aiming at integrating, contrasting and complementing different approaches, views and type of analyses of trust in different contexts (private, public and not-for-profit, third sector organizations).

Exploring trust in a Nordic context is central for the network and papers stressing this perspective will be warmly welcome. The Nordic network aims to evolve over time through the research training in the network. PhD students are strongly encouraged to participate and be involved in developing the research themes.

Topics for papers may include (but are not limited to):

- How may trust be conceptualized as a process phenomenon? Which approaches are particularly promising?
- How do we describe, analyze and understand processes of trust building, trust maintenance, trust erosion and trust repair?
- What factors are important for the dynamics of processes of trust building, trust maintenance, trust erosion and/or trust repair?
- What are particularly important aspects of the dynamics of trust between actors in organization when models of organization and management change globally and in Nordic countries?
- How and to what extent do processes of trust vary across different organizational levels, groups and contexts (e.g. dyadic, group/team, employees, etc.)?
- Exploring trust in a Nordic context: what is 'Nordic' trust (if such a concept exists)? What are the elements and foundations? How has it evolved? How does it develop?

Papers can be different types and at different stages of development. Dependent on the circumstances papers can be “work in progress”, “short papers”, “full paper” or a “finalised article” which has already been submitted to a journal. The main objective of work in progress and short papers is to develop and discuss ongoing research or create new opportunities for co-authorship. The main objective of full papers or submitted articles is to discuss recent research findings and methods, and inspire new research. Therefore, elaboration and further development of the papers in the seminars will be encouraged as well as submitting them to the international publication forums.

Papers should explain the purpose of the paper, theoretical background, the research question, the approach taken and the methods of analyses (in empirical papers), main findings, and contributions as well as further developments (if in progress). In addition, it is useful to indicate how the paper links with the theme of the seminar and the overall theme of the Trust Research Network. Papers do not need to ‘strictly’ focus on the seminar’s or overall network’s themes but trust should be involved somehow.

Optional PhD-Course. PhD-students in the first phases of their research work are invited to participate in a pre-seminar doctoral course November 22. The aim of the course is to have a structured discussion on the first basic steps into a PhD-research project. Trust may be a central concept or more marginal in relation to the PhD project. Participants must prepare a paper before the course, and some preparation is required. By full participation PhD students earn credits for their participation. A detailed course outline – and the specifications for the papers – will be available by September 1st.

Submission guidelines, instructions and deadlines

As to papers and seminar, please contact the group leader in your country (see contact information on the web site). As to practicalities of the seminar please follow the additional information available on the Nordic Research Network on Trust web site (seminars) and contact information here: <http://trust.ruc.dk/>

Deadline for registration: September 23, 2011

Deadline for submission of full papers: October 23, 2011

Please submit as a pdf on the web site <http://trust.ruc.dk/>

For uploading the final paper you will need a password for the website. If you do not already have a password, please contact Lars Fuglsang after registration: E-mail: fuglsang@ruc.dk

Cover page should include title of the paper, author's name, affiliation, address, e-mail, and telephone.

Language: The language is English.

Abstract: Please provide a 150-250 words abstract immediately following the names of the authors.

Keywords: Select three to five keywords that capture the essence of your paper.

Welcoming you to Denmark in November 2011.

Lars Fuglsang, Poul B. Olsen and Søren Jagd
Chairs of the seminar