

Critical Management Studies Division, Academy of Management

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2023 Best Critical Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Award

Will you, or one of your doctoral students, have completed a doctoral dissertation/thesis in the period **01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**? If so, does the dissertation/thesis fall within the **scope of CMS Division's** domain statement?

If you have answered **YES** to both questions, we want to hear from you.

The Critical Management Studies (CMS) Division is inviting submissions for the 2023 Best Critical Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Award, which is sponsored by the journal *Organization*. Submitters must have completed a critical PhD dissertation/thesis in the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and successfully completed the formal examination process required to pass, including a viva voce/defense and revisions, if applicable.

What constitutes “critical”?

The CMS Division serves as a forum within the Academy of Management for the expression of views critical of established management ideologies and practices, the taken-for-granted social or economic orders surrounding organization and business, and mainstream management theorizing/theories. Our premise is that structural features of contemporary society encourage organizations and their managers towards domination and exploitation. Driven by a shared desire to change this situation, we aim in our research, teaching, and practice to develop critical interpretations of management and society and to generate radical alternatives.

Sample topics include, but are not limited to: critical analyses of discourses of management and management development; feminist critiques; critical assessments of emerging alternative forms of organizing; critical epistemologies and methodologies; critical perspectives on business strategy; critical perspectives on class, gender, race, and sexuality; critical perspectives on globalization, entrepreneurship, technological innovation, e-working, management consulting practices; critical perspectives on the profit-imperative and the natural environment; critical theories of identity, affectivity, rationality, and subjectivity; critical theories of resistance to managerial authority; critical theories of the nature of managerial authority; critiques of managerialist theories of management and organization; critiques of political economy; postcolonial critiques of organizations and management.

For more information about the Division see <http://cms.aom.org>.

What, and how, do I submit?

Submissions must comprise four documents:

1. A title page and abstract with complete author identification and contact information.
2. An abridged and anonymized version of the dissertation which will be sent to reviewers. This should include the title, abstract, and a summary of each chapter of the dissertation/thesis (max. 30 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, including any charts, tables, and references).
3. A one page signed supporting letter from the dissertation chair or lead supervisor to certify the completion date of the dissertation/thesis and recommend its submission for this award.
4. Details of everyone involved in the examination process (so that examiners can be excluded from the review process), along with the names and email addresses of four other scholars with expertise around the doctorate, who may be appropriate as reviewers.

Submissions must be received by 01 April 2023 – no extensions can be granted.

Submissions (prepared as .pdf documents) should be sent by email to the CMS Division Co-Chairs Elect, Caroline Clarke (caroline.clarke@open.ac.uk) and Richard Longman (richard.longman@open.ac.uk).

The outcome of submissions will be communicated by 31 May 2023.

The award will be presented at the CMS Division Business Meeting at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting, 04–08 August 2023, in Boston. The winner receives a prize sponsored by *Organization* and a two-year subscription to the journal provided by SAGE. Previous winners of the competition are featured [here](#).