

ACSCOS 2010

The 4th Australasian Caucus of the Standing Conference
on Organizational Symbolism

29 November – 1 December 2010

Metropole Hotel and Conference Centre, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Australia



HEAT Call for Papers

Introduction

We are pleased to announce that the 4th Australasian Caucus of the Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism (ACSCOS) will be held at the Metropole Hotel and Conference Centre, on Brunswick Street in Fitzroy, Melbourne from 29 November-1 December, 2010. As for the earlier colloquia, this ACSCOS will be a meeting ground for those broadly interested in what, for want of better words, is referred to as critical and postmodern management and organisation studies. We look forward to a stimulating, collegial, productive and supportive gathering of colleagues from Australasia and from many countries further afield to join us in creating a memorable programme of events. ACSCOS is a caucus of the Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism ('SCOS' - see <http://www.scos.org/>), and we recognise that body's long and innovative contributions to critical and *avant garde* organisation studies.

Theme

The theme of the 2010 ACSCOS colloquium is *Heat*, a subject that is both descriptive and emotive and can represent attraction, repulsion and even horror in organisational life. Heat may be pleasing, tolerable or life-threatening. It may be controlled or uncontrollable. It affects our comfort, our health and our well-being. More specifically, we invite papers that consider heat as it relates to management and organisation and welcome contributions from business and management researchers as well as from those in broader social sciences and humanities.

While there has been some work on heat and organisation in management and organisation studies, this tends to be rather sparse and narrowly focused on subjects such as hot-headed decision making, the "hot-stove effect" in learning, and experiments in which distribution of hot sauce to participants is used as a measure of aggression(!).

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/heat>



Perhaps of more interest to those working within the ACSCOS domain are more general notions concerning the subjects, objects and organisation of heat. We invite you to join us in considering our theme from many perspectives, both literal and figural, and welcome theoretical and empirical submissions on heat and related topics. Papers addressing the theme might consider the following subjects, although this list is far from exhaustive:

- Fighting fires: Crisis management and control
- What's hot? Popular culture and celebrity
- The heat: policing cultures
- Heating up: process perspectives
- Aftermaths and aftertastes
- Heat and ice: organising (for) extremities
- Sex and sexualisation
- Hot flushes: menopause and management
- Looking hot: Dress, culture and organisation
- Clothing and the organisation of heat
- Sweat, rashes and the aesthetics of heat
- Odour and perfume in organisational life
- Seeing and feeling red: Affect(ing) anger, embarrassment and shame
- Heat and evil
- Heat and mythology: Phoenix and other fantasies
- Heat and hearth: comfort in organisational life
- Organising summer
- Seasonality and seasonal work
- Burn and burning out: Stress, tension and cooling processes
- Too hot to handle? Ethical edges
- Tropicality: Location, latitudes and license in organisation
- Hot spots: Regionality, interest and disinterest
- Heat, health and disease
- Sustainability, global warming and other hot (and cold) topics in teaching and research
- Entrepreneurship and the lighting of new (inter)disciplinary and discursive fires
- Heat and history
- Heatwaves from the past: Recycling, vintage and intertextual references

Guidelines for Submission

We invite papers and abstracts that directly address the colloquium theme or **other open issues within the broad domain** of the SCOS Journal, *Culture and Organization* (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14759551.asp>).

Two alternative forms of submission are invited for the colloquium: abstracts of up to 800 words or full papers of up to 7,000 words.

Abstracts will be peer reviewed.

Full Papers will be independently peer reviewed.

Accepted papers will be published in conference proceedings. *If you do not wish your abstract/paper to be published, please indicate at the time of submission.*

Papers will be blind reviewed - please include author details on a separate front sheet.

Please follow Chicago style – see *Culture & Organization's* guidelines at http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/quickref/tf_F.pdf

Your papers or abstracts should be emailed to heat-conference@deakin.edu.au before **1 August 2010**.

Notification of acceptance will be given prior to 5 September 2010.

Venue

ACSCOS 2010 will be held at the Metropole Hotel and Conference Centre in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy <http://www.metropole.org/>. Brunswick Street is one of Melbourne's most interesting streets, is close to the city of Melbourne and is very easily accessed by trams and buses. Brunswick Street and its neighbouring streets Smith, Johnston and Gertrude Streets are home to many cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars, several galleries, and a range of other interesting shops. A feature of these streets is there are virtually no chains. So, if you want Starbucks, Borders or Subway – the conference venue will be of no interest to you at all.



Sponsorship

ACSCOS 2010 is being sponsored by the:

- School of Management and Marketing and Faculty of Business and Law, Deakin University
- Department of Management, Monash University
- Graduate School of Management, La Trobe University
- Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism

Registration, Fees and Bursaries

Fees for the colloquium will be A\$325 or A\$215 for students. There is a one-day only rate for local students of A\$22. Fees are inclusive of GST.

Full registration includes opening reception, lunches, teas and the conference dinner. The dinner will be held in the Melbourne Gallery at Melbourne Museum on Tuesday 30 November. Partners are welcome to attend the opening reception and dinner at a cost of \$165.

In order to be eligible for the student rate please provide the name of your degree, institution and student number.

Sponsorship by SCOS has allowed us to offer two travel bursaries for doctoral students, each for GBP500 *to be remitted after the conference*. To apply, please state in less than 50 words how receipt of a bursary will assist you to attend ACSCOS 2010. Email your application to heat-conference@deakin.edu.au.

You may also be interested in attending the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM) Conference, which will be held in Adelaide from 7-10 December, 2010 (see <http://www.anzam.org/conference>).

Accommodation

Participants should book their own accommodation for the colloquium. Rooms will be available at the Metropole from A\$156 through to 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom suites (with cooking facilities) for A\$312 per night (parking and wifi included). When booking, please mention ACSCOS to ensure that you receive the conference rate. If looking for other accommodation, surrounding suburbs include Carlton and Collingwood. Any city hotel is also suitable because the hotel is accessible from trams in either Bourke (No 86 tram) or Collins (No 112) Streets.

Enquiries

Please direct enquiries to

- Julie Wolfram Cox via julie.wolfram-cox@deakin.edu.au, or to
- Jan Schapper via jan.schapper@buseco.monash.edu.au.

Please note that we are also preparing a Call for Papers for a Special Issue of *Culture & Organization* related to the theme for this colloquium.

Please mark your calendar now and forward this call to your colleagues.

We'll look forward to seeing you in Melbourne!

Julie Wolfram Cox and Jan Schapper
Co-chairs

Conference website: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/heat>

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