

unConference

RESEARCH IN MANAGEMENT LEARNING & EDUCATION

**8th Annual Research in Management Learning and Education (RMLE) Unconference
at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand
January 28-29, 2020**

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Research discussions shouldn't have to rise from the ashes of recycled rhetoric and boring presentations prepared months in advance. Interactions about research should be fresh, organic, and engaging. If you're interested in being a generator of innovative, cutting-edge research in management education or if you have questions related to research in management education that are not addressed through traditional conference or workshop forums, our eighth annual **Research in Management Learning and Education (RMLE) Unconference** is for you.

FORMAT & OBJECTIVES

Unlike traditional conference formats with strict agendas, predetermined content, fixed streams, and planned presentations, an unconference is organic and participant-driven. The fundamental goal of an unconference is to bring together interested, passionate, and knowledgeable people to create a forum where they share, learn, engage, question, contribute, discuss, and debate issues they deem important. Each participant is a contributor and all interactions take place in flexible and highly interactive ways (see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unconference> for more on this format).

The 2020 RMLE Unconference will start at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 28th and conclude at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 29th. During this two day event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Share ideas about key research areas that you would like to pursue with others.
- Discuss research questions or concerns that you have been unable to address in other forums.
- Learn from others about their experiences with research project design, development, and publication.
- Consider issues that are emerging through recent management education research and scholarship.
- Meet and network in an intimate and informal setting with other faculty members interested in management education research.
- Interact with editors and board members of numerous journals including our two sponsoring journals the *Journal of Management Education* and *Management Learning*.

SUBMISSIONS

In terms of scope, the research domain for RMLE Unconferences is anything that relates to management teaching, learning, education, and the contexts within which these occur. As a result, your submission should focus on issues related to all applications of management education (whether that be in universities, consulting agencies, or other organizations) as well as the processes and outcomes related to its practice.

The path to attending the RMLE Unconference is straightforward. First, think about management education research questions, ideas, and concerns (QICs) that are important to you. Then, using those thoughts as fodder, create a short summary of your most pressing QICs and send it in for review. These submissions are not traditional conference submissions in that they should be free-flowing descriptions of your questions, ideas, and concerns. You do not need to include references unless they help you explain your thoughts.

In terms of format, QIC submissions should be sent as single-spaced Word documents written in Times New Roman (11pt) font. Please include two versions of your submission: (1) the first with a title, your name, institutional affiliation, and email address centred at the top of the document and (2) the second with a title only (to be used for blind review). In terms of length, submissions can be as short as you feel comfortable with in terms of adequately sharing your questions, ideas, and concerns but should be no longer than 500 words excluding references (if you have them). Please note: the only way to attend the event is if you have an accepted QIC submission.

Examples of a few of the QIC topics drawn from our past RMLE Unconferences include concerns related to the impact of technology, culture, and disruption on learning; facilitating and measuring deep-level learning, reflexivity, and engagement; the interface of culture and learning; the application of threshold concepts on management research and practice; questions about managerial wisdom and embeddedness; and questions about how institutionalization and accreditation pressures are impacting tertiary education. Ideas for sharing can stem from current or future research projects, practical or conceptual extensions to theories or models that excite or interest you, or discussions you have had with colleagues in your own or other disciplines. Other ideas may stem from calls for special issues, recent articles you have read, global or local issues that impact educational processes, internal mandates within your organization, or anything unusual that has sparked an idea for a research project in your mind. There are countless sources from which exceptional questions, ideas, and concerns can be derived. We look forward to a collection of stimulating and engaging submissions from researchers interested in management education drawn from across a variety of disciplinary backgrounds and all levels of academic tenure/seniority. Early career researchers and those new to management education research are welcome!

The **submission deadline is Monday, October 7th, 2019**. Submissions will be double-blind peer reviewed and decisions will be emailed to authors within two weeks of the deadline. All submissions should be emailed to Amy Kenworthy, RMLE Unconference Chair, at akenwort@bond.edu.au. Please note: if you do not receive a confirmation receipt within 48 hours of your submission, then it has not been received on our end.

LOCATION & REGISTRATION

We are thrilled to be holding our 2020 RMLE Unconference at beautiful **University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand**. When established in 1873, Canterbury College, as the University was originally known, was only the second university in New Zealand. Today, across its five schools, the University of Canterbury offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in more than 70 subjects with the most extensive network of field stations for student and staff research of any university in New Zealand. We are particularly proud to be supporting the Christchurch community by holding our event there following the devastating mosque bombings that took place this past March. We stand together with them in support of inclusion, respect, harmony, and peace.

The 2020 RMLE Unconference has a registration fee of \$500 New Zealand dollars (roughly £268, €300, or \$335 USD) for accepted participants. This fee covers the cost of two working lunches, multiple refreshment breaks, and a delicious as well as engaging working dinner on January 28th (note: we're trying to keep the costs as low as we can but New Zealand is expensive, also the fee may change slightly between now and registration if there are severe currently fluctuations). Every contributor with an accepted submission will be asked to pay this fee to register. However, in the spirit of untraditional aspects of the Unconference, we have a no fee option for people who would like to attend who are doctoral students or junior faculty and may not have the institutional or personal funds to offset the costs of attending. We're trying our best to make this a genuinely affordable, yet comfortable, inviting, engaging, and productive event for everyone.

Registration for the Unconference must be completed on or before **Monday, October 28th, 2019**. Further registration information will be emailed to all accepted contributors as a part of their acceptance email.

**For more information about our RMLE Unconferences, please see our website at www.rmle.org .
Come be a part of it with us... we can't wait to see what the 2020 event brings!**

