

Call for papers

Has institutional theory become too successful?

NOS (Nordiske Organisasjonsstudier) and Score (Stockholm Center for Organizational Research) invite you to take part in a Workshop and a Special Issue of the journal on the contribution of institutional theory to organization theory in general. The Workshop will be arranged in Stockholm at the end of March 2009 and the Special Issue of NOS will be published in the autumn of 2009.

During the last decades institutional theory in general and new institutionalism in particular has become increasingly dominant within organization theory. The idea behind the workshop is to pose the question: How dominant can institutional theory be?

We imagine discussions around themes such as:

Is there a risk that institutional theories will eliminate traditional theories of organizations?

How far can one stretch institutional explanations?

Why has institutional theory been so successful in Scandinavia?

What is the contribution of institutional theories to organization theory?

In which direction is institutional theory going today?

What will replace institutional theory?

We are looking forward to receiving papers on the above or similar themes. We welcome shorter critical papers (3000 – 5000 words), but of course also longer papers. Papers and abstracts may be written in English or any Scandinavian language.

Abstracts should be sent to the editors of NOS (orgstudier@score.su.se) no later than October 24 2008. If you have any questions please contact Göran Ahrne (goran.ahrne@sociology.su.se) Telephone: 004686747418.