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# *Call for Papers*

## **Rethinking Responsibility:**

## **Agents and Structures**

Dec 6-7, 2018

**John Molson School of Business**

Concordia University

Montreal, Canada

### **Paper Submission Deadline: August 15, 2018**

This two-day **international** conference brings together academics and professionals from a variety of disciplines to **rethink** responsibility in business. What does **responsibility in business** mean today? How can we re-think responsibility in business to better **prepare** for the challenges of tomorrow, such as widening **inequalities**, mass-migrations, the **digital** age, climate change, political **extremism**? This conference seeks to **encourage and outline answers** to these questions by promoting conversations about responsibility and irresponsibility in business that consider **agents, structures** in which agents are embedded, and the ways in which agents and structures are **linked**.

We invite submissions for qualitative, quantitative and theoretical papers that address, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- What is responsibility in business and how has it evolved over time and across cultures?
- How is responsibility in business related to concepts such as accountability, inequality, justice, fairness, etc.?
- What are the key questions regarding responsibility in business today? How can researchers and educators approach these questions?
- What are the roles of agents in (ir)responsible business? What agents are key for (ir)responsible business? What facilitates and constrains their roles?
- What are the role of structures in (ir)responsible business? What structures are important for (ir)responsible business? What are the implications of structures for agents?
- What are the ways in which agents and structures are linked? How has this link evolved over time?
- What have we learned from past research on responsibility in business? What are the gaps left by past research?
- What theories can we use to rethink responsibility in business (from economics, sociology, philosophy, political science, etc.)?

### **Conference context**

During the last decades, scholars and professionals have thought about responsibility in business and developed practices to promote a more responsible approach to business. Despite these efforts, barriers persist and irresponsibility in business remains pervasive. The purpose of this conference is to learn about these barriers and to address them, in order to lay the foundation for over-coming irresponsibility in business and for addressing its detrimental consequences for society.

The John Molson School of Business is a lively community of scholars committed to understanding business practices from a rich set of perspectives and to promoting responsible approaches to business. The conference “Rethinking Responsibility: Agents and Structures” offers opportunities for novel and unconventional thinking and re-thinking on responsibility in business by drawing on a scholars and professionals who stem from different fields and use different research approaches.

We invite you to join us for this innovative conference!

The conference is organized by Claudine Mangen, who is the RBC Professor in Responsible Organizations at JMSB, and by Cédric Lesage, who holds the Lawrence Bloomberg Chair in Accountancy at JSMB.

### **Conference details**

The conference starts in the early afternoon of **Thursday Dec 6 2018** at the John Molson School of Business with an opening session that presents the aims of the conference. Thereafter, the first conference workshop will welcome participants who have been accepted to present their work during 30-minute sessions that include a discussant. Each conference participant discusses a paper. At the end of the afternoon, all participants are invited to welcome drinks.

On Friday **Dec 7 2018**, the conference workshops will proceed throughout the day. All conference participants are invited to the conference luncheon. The conference concludes in the afternoon with a panel discussion that presents key lessons.

There is **no registration fee** for the conference.

### **Submission Procedures**

The deadline for paper submissions is **August 15, 2018**.

Please submit your full paper using **two documents**, one blind (without author names) and one full (including author names), via email to [ResponsibilityJMSB2018@gmail.com](mailto:ResponsibilityJMSB2018@gmail.com). To simplify the logistics, the conference team will consider the submitting author to be the corresponding author.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed and acceptances will be sent out to each corresponding author by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Detailed information regarding conference registration (which is free), transportation and accommodation will then be provided as well.

If your paper is accepted, the final draft of the full paper is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## Contact

For any questions about the conference, please contact the conference team at [ResponsibilityJMSB2018@gmail.com](mailto:ResponsibilityJMSB2018@gmail.com)

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