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### Patterns, Practices and Processes in Strategizing and Organizing

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Recent research at the interface of strategy and organization has increasingly theorised strategy and organization as emerging from, and hence constituted in, patterns of choices and actions. This theoretical development visualizes “strategy” or “organization” as patterns of actions and as connected to processes, performances or practices that make up these patterns. The resulting theories have been suggested as a complement to, or substitute for, traditional views of strategy and organization as relatively “fixed” categories or stable structures or activities.

These new theories trade under a range of different names (e.g., “strategy-as-practice”, “strategy process research”, “(performative) routines”, “strategic renewal”) and raise a number of interesting theoretical questions. It is timely to reflect upon the degree to which these newer theories are different or similar to the behavioural foundations of strategy and organization, and how they advance theory and research. Following a recent conference at the University of Oxford on these themes, this special issue aims to extend this emerging body of work. Our goal is to publish creative and imaginative contributions that are theoretically and/or empirically novel and engaging. We invite empirical and conceptual papers that evaluate and build on extant research on strategy and organization, as well as contributions that seek to advance this field of study. We encourage participants to reflect on the theoretical images of strategy and organization which will come to dominate research in the next decade. We encourage contributions from different disciplinary perspectives, including sociology, linguistics, organizational behaviour, psychology, economics, discourse and critical research.

#### Submissions

Papers should be submitted by **31st January 2009** by email to Jo Brudenell at: [j.m.brudenell@durham.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.brudenell@durham.ac.uk). The editors welcome informal enquiries and can be contacted at [J.Cornelissen@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:J.Cornelissen@leeds.ac.uk), [Steven.Floyd@unisg.ch](mailto:Steven.Floyd@unisg.ch) or [Mike.Wright@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Mike.Wright@nottingham.ac.uk).

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