
Editorial

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Inter-organisational networks (IONs) have been one of the fastest developing topics in management science over last two decades. However, that construct affects not only organisational phenomena, yet also, on one hand influences global economy (e.g., the role transnational corporations) and, on the other hand, becomes under impact of global factors.

Hence, IONs realm encompasses phenomena at multi-ontological, epistemological, and methodological levels. Specifically, it reflects micro (e.g., role of managers in establishing and retaining the network – the micro-foundations of network relationships), meso (e.g., the role of top management teams), macro (e.g., internal constituents of node network organisations, i.e., strategies, structures, shared values, etc.) and global (e.g., economic factors contributing to either facilitate or inhibit IONs functioning) levels of analysis. Admittedly, it might involve a multi-level methodological approach.

Moreover, most scholars focus mostly on advantages and benefits of whether participating in IONs or their influence on global economy. Nonetheless, too little attention has been paid to constraints and limitations of IONs membership. Consequently,

it calls for further deepen discussion about all micro, macro, and global consequences (also negative ones) of cooperation and/or competition within the IONs.

The objective of this special issue is to identify and discuss both positive and negative implications of IONs, especially their associations with the micro-foundations of network relationships (micro level), teams (meso level), internal elements of node network organisations (macro level) as well as with the mechanisms of developing IONs and their role in global economy (global level).