



Call for papers:

1st **GeoHos** workshop¹

Geopolitical & Historical Organization Studies

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In recent years, both history and geopolitics have gained a renewed importance in the field of management and organization studies. On the one hand, historical perspectives are more and more present in management and organization studies (Decker, 2016; Godfrey et al., 2016). Historicity, historical events, *longue durée*, historical memory, historical processes, are increasingly integrated in the description and conceptualization of organizations and organizational processes.

On the other hand, geography and space are also the focus of an increasing number of articles. The place and space of work and (new) ways of working, the geographies of our managerial capitalism, the process of emplacing and spacing at stake with organization, among others, are increasingly debated, questioned, explored and experimented. Questions like the geography of workers (their gender, background, country,) across time and space, and questioning the power, identity, status when interacting with others, reveal how spatial arrangements shape long lasting professions and their social relations. More specifically, geopolitical dimensions are also more and more mobilized in organizational analysis (Dittmer, 2014; de Vaujany, 2025). In a world where wars, terrorism, and major ruptures in global productive and logistical processes, come more and more at the forefront of our lives, geopolitics appear as more relevant than ever (Louis, 2023; Sloan & Gray, 2017).

The *GeoHos Workshop* invites interdisciplinary scholars to explore how historical and geopolitical perspectives can enhance our understanding of organizations, management practices, and institutional dynamics. By bridging these two analytical dimensions, the workshop aims to promote critical discussions and interdisciplinary dialogues about the temporalities, spatialities, and power relations that shape organizations today. **The workshop will examine how these perspectives intersect, interact, and diverge. It considers how these perspectives mirror evolving (old and new) management modes**, such as the standardization of management education and the rise and evolution of consulting firms. The workshop also explores institutional management networks and management and organization as fields of research, as well as the philosophies of work, organizational management, and managerial and organizational techniques.

For this first GeoHos workshop, we invite in particular historical and geopolitical perspectives discussing (non-exhaustive list of topics):

- The relationship between the history of geopolitics and the history of management;
- Digital, managerial and organizational sovereignty;
- The role of wars, industrial mobilization and major crisis in the reconfiguration of work organization and management;
- The conceptual approaches of geopolitics and what they can say to the conceptualization of management history (and vice versa);
- Cross geopolitics of modes of governance/organization/management with the geopolitics of digitality, digital tools and digital infrastructures;
- The history of management learned societies in the US and their influence abroad;
- The history of management learned societies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South and Latin America and their influence abroad;
- Business schools and managerial education in a global or multipolar world;
- The past and present role of the United States in a global standardization of education;
- The geopolitics of the US with and through management, management education and managerial techniques;
- Transatlantic formations and circulations of geopolitical knowledge;

- The relationship between management education standardization and US economic and political domination in the 20th century and beyond;
- The role and place of China, India, Africa, Europe, South and Latin America, Southeast Asia, in geopolitical moves related to management, managerial education and managerial techniques;
- The geopolitics of and through consulting firms;
- Historical perspectives on the geopolitics of and through consulting;
- The role of AI in the metamorphosis of contemporary geopolitics;
- The political philosophies likely to illuminate, question, deconstruct, contemporary geopolitics of and through management and institutionalized modes of organizationality.
- Mobility, migration and the transnational labour;
- Place-based identities and resistance to spatial restructuring;
- Bodies, embodiment and the micro-geographies of organizational life;
- Gendered and racialized spaces and geographies in professional settings.

Extended abstract of no more than 1,000 words for the first GeoHos workshop should be sent to workshopoap@gmail.com. The abstract must outline the applicant's proposed contribution to the workshop. The proposal must be in .doc/.docx/.rtf format and should contain the author's/authors' names as well as their institutional affiliations, email address(es), and postal address(es). Deadline for submissions will be **February 3rd, 2026** (midnight CET).

Authors will be notified of the committee's decision by February 28th, 2026.

Please note that GeoHos 2025 will take place only onsite. It will be a pre-event of the 16th Organization, Artifacts & Practices (OAP) workshop hosted by the Copenhagen Business School (CBS).

There are no fees associated with attending this workshop but participants will need to cover their travel and accommodation costs.

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