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A Manifesto for project management research

Editors of World’s leading project management journals publish joint call for collaborative research to tackle grand challenges

13 September 2023 – Dallas, London, Sydney – Globally-recognized academic researchers and editors of the world’s leading academic journals related to program and project management authored a seminal paper in the Volume 20, Issue1 2023 edition of the European Management Review titled “A Manifesto for project management research.” The authors call on project management researchers to help tackle “grand challenges such as climate change, pandemics and global poverty.”

According to their abstract: “Project management research has evolved over the past five decades and is now a mature disciplinary field investigating phenomena of interest to academics, practitioners and policymakers. Studies of projects and project management practices are theoretically rich and scientifically rigorous. They are practically relevant and impactful when addressing the pursuit of operational, tactical and strategic advancements in the world of organisations.

We want to broaden the conversation between project management scholars and other scholars from cognate disciplines, particularly business and management, in a true scholarship of integration and cross-fertilisation. This Manifesto invites the latter scholars to join efforts providing a foundation for further creative, theoretical and empirical contributions, including but not limited to tackling grand challenges such as climate change, pandemics, and global poverty…”

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The authors identify five themes to advance the project management field and body of research. The paper is open access; to read the entire paper, visit the Wiley online library at https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/emre.12568

Editor’s note: Professors Drouin, Huemann, Ika and Müller are honorary academic advisors for the PM World Journal. We regret missing this important news when the manifesto was originally published but want to draw attention to it now. If you are a researcher at a university anywhere in the world, read their paper, contact the authors if needed, and help set the future agenda with your research.