

Global Operations and Supply Chain Competitiveness (GLOPSCO) RIG Update – November 2018

Aim and objective

- The GLOPSCO RIG has met its aims and objectives by facilitating and delivering social networking events such as research seminars and workshops since Feb 2018. Since the birth of this RIG (Feb 2018), we had five multi-disciplinary and research/enterprise oriented sessions and two sessions are upcoming for the next few weeks. Please, see below for information

Membership

- The RIG currently has 34 members from different faculties and universities across the globe. There are 8 professors, 4 Associate Professors, 12 Senior Lecturers, 6 lecturers, 2 Associate lecturers and 2 PGR student registered in the RIG
- The internal members are mainly from B&M department and BASCM group. There are also two colleagues from IDO in the list.
- The external members are from Karl Franzence University in Austria (Prof), Teesside University (Prof), Heriot - Watt University (Prof), La Rochelle University (Prof), Nottingham Trent University (Associate Prof), Granada University in Spain (A. Prof) and Newcastle University (Professors).
- Any external or internal person who delivers any research seminar talk will be automatically registered to our RIG list.

Activities:

- The workshop that was held with the title as “Bring Law to Operations” inviting business and law school colleagues to discuss and explore possible inter-disciplinary research activities and publications. Fifteen people attended including some colleagues from law and generally the outcome was very positive identifying that some law colleagues have already been working at some areas linked to procurement and business management.
- The workshop that was held in conjunction with the BASCM subject group and North of England Chamber of Commerce to promote more enterprise engagement. The title of this workshop was “How academics can do for businesses”. Some delegates from local businesses joined and registered to the workshop to listen to academics introducing what potential enterprise-research integrated activities could be. This was also successful as the key idea of next workshop was identified.

- The first research seminar was held in the invitation of an academic from University of Coventry to do his research talk. The topic was: "How can knowledge management contribute to sustainable supply chains? The perception of practitioners"
- The academic/practitioner enterprise - engaged workshop that was held in conjunction with N/E Freight Partnership in June 2018. The idea behind this workshop was more engagement with the practitioners involved in N/E Freight partnership to introduce what academics can do for them.
- The GLOPSCO workshop panel for Northumbria PGR students that was held as part of PGR conference in June 2018.

Upcoming Event:

1. "Brexit and your Supply Chain and Operation" – This is a joint workshop organised in conjunction with N/E Chamber of Commerce and it is held on 12th Dec 2018. Both academics and practitioners in our networking system and N/E Chamber of Commerce networking have been invited.
2. Northumbria and Newcastle Universities "Research update on Operations and Supply Chain Management" – This is a one-day research seminar involving different academic speakers from both universities to talk about their current research activities. There will also be a speaker from N/E Chamber of Commerce for this seminar. The invitation will be sent to relevant academic in both universities including members of the GLOPSCO RIG.

Publicising

- The RIG has been very well publicised internally in the faculty and externally in last two months and we intend to extend our presence to more external relationship in the early future.
- The GLOPSCO RIG webpage was developed and it is live on-line to communicate with broader audiences globally. The webpage address is:

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/sitecore/content/Corporate%20Website/Home/About%20us/Academic%20Departments/Newcastle%20Business%20School/NBS%20Research/Global%20Operations%20and%20Supply%20Chain%20Competitiveness%20GLOPSCO>

Budget

- The GLOPSCO RIG expenditure budget for 2018-19 academic year was updated with the total of £1,500.