



ARCOM Research Methodology Workshop Series (Call for Papers)
Contemporary Advances in Research Methodology in Construction Management

Location: Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK

Date: Friday 1st of November 2019

Workshop convenors: Dr Craig Thomson (GCU), Professor Lloyd Scott (TUD), Dr Nicola Callaghan (GCU)

This ARCOM (Association of Researchers in Construction Management) workshop represents the 3rd in a series of focused workshops which seek to provide a forum to present and explore approaches to research methodology (www.arcom.ac.uk). These workshops seek to provide a support mechanism for researchers either engaged in their doctorates or in the early stage of their research careers. The previous two were held in Dublin at Dublin Institute of Technology (now Technological University Dublin (TUD)) in 2015 and 2017, and placed emphasis on establishing a better understanding of what approaches are available, why they exist, underpinning theories and their applicability. This workshop series is complemented at ARCOM 2019 conference in Leeds by Track 5 focused on Developments in Research Methodology (<http://www.arcom.ac.uk/conf-next-track-details.php?t=25>).

Background to focusing on contemporary advances in research methods and call for papers

The past decade has seen a growing appreciation of the importance of advancing practice in research methodology within Construction Management (CM) research. CM researchers are demonstrating an increasing appetite to explore contemporary methodological approaches as many engage with other disciplines through cross disciplinary collaborative research. There is a growing appreciation that as well as contributing to the strength and robustness of the research; the methodological approach adopted and reflections around it can provide a meaningful contribution to advancing methodological approaches in the discipline. This workshop places an emphasis on showcasing advances which are being made in research methodology which reflect progression in traditional approaches with a view to enabling researchers to learn, discuss and reflect on the implications for construction management research. We welcome papers that question traditional and contemporary methodologies and methods used to examine and analyse within the context of CM research. Advances can relate to contemporary approaches surrounding research paradigms; developments in quantitative, qualitative or mixed approaches; advances in for example: grounded theory, action research, ethnography, case studies, and experimental research or can relate to specific research techniques and methods. This workshop seeks to provide an environment where researchers can present a short paper, exchange ideas and engage in critical discussions within the context of research methodology in CM. Also participating in the workshop will be invited guest speakers and practitioners in the field who will contribute and help stimulate discussions.

We invite you to submit a short paper on the 21st of September which will be a reflective contribution outlining the research background and aim, and the methodological approach (its justification, potential contribution, influence on your findings and critical reflections). The paper should include an abstract and be a max of two double-sided pages (A4 size) **by 23:59hrs on Friday 27th September 2019**. Please include a

title, author(s) and their affiliation(s), along with a list of references cited on an additional page (i.e. not included in the two-page limit). Those papers invited to participate in the workshop will be encouraged to submit a longer paper to be published as a working paper as part of the ARCOM workshop series.

Host institution

The Built Environment and Asset Management (BEAM) Centre (www.gcu.ac.uk/assetmanagement/) at Glasgow Caledonian University is pleased to host the ARCOM Doctoral Workshop. The university will also be hosting the ARCOM conference in September 2020 under the theme “Building for the Common Good” and this workshop provides lead into this event. Attendance is free, buffet lunch & refreshments will be provided; some funding support for travel for within UK travel is also available for those presenting a paper.

Important dates

Submission of short 2-page reflective paper: Friday 27th September 2019 (to Dr Craig Thomson craig.thomson@gcu.ac.uk)

Notification of acceptance for inclusion at workshop: Friday 4th October 2019

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