

## **Advancing the Research Dialogue in Operations Management: Lessons from the COVID-19**

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The COVID-19 has produced numerous changes in the operations management practices (Ivanov, 2020a; Ivanov and Dolgui, 2020; Dubey et al. 2021a, b). The COVID-19 has disrupted the entire global value chain (Hayakawa and Mukunoki, 2021). In reality, the COVID-19 crisis has exposed several missing links in the global supply chains and the preparedness level of the firm, industry, and nation towards unprecedented crisis resulting from the virus. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, several operations management scholars have made some valuable contributions that further raise some fundamental concerns which need empirical validation (Ivanov et al. 2020b; Currie et al. 2020), yet most of the literature offers limited understanding indicating much-needed dialogue. Buffa (1980) and later Ketchen and Hult (2007) urged operations management (OM) researchers to go beyond traditional OM subject areas. Applying, hence, organizational theories could enhance our understanding of supply chains resulting from COVID-19 and make research more relevant (Tang, 2016; Gunasekaran et al. 2018; Craighead et al. 2020).

This SI aims to contribute to this debate by bridging the gap between operations management resulting from the pandemic and organizational theories. Topics for this SI may include (but are not limited to):

- Agility, Adaptability and Alignment in global supply chains;
- Role of emerging technologies capabilities in improving organisational resilience;
- Revisiting dynamic capability view following COVID-19 crisis;
- How commercial supply chain can learn from humanitarian supply chain practices;
- Frugal innovation;
- New product development and alliance management capability;
- Performance measures and metrics in used for supply chains during pandemic situation;
- Real time visibility in supply chain: The role of visibility in supply chain to mitigate and manage pandemic crisis;
- Revisiting coordination and collaboration theories;

### **Manuscript Preparation and Submission**

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#### **List of Important Dates**

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Notification to authors/ Start of registration: 15 February 2022

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Final Decision: **15 May 2022**

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