

# The Warwick Summer School on Practice and Process Studies

## Practice, Process and Issues of Scale in Global Challenges

University of Warwick, Coventry 13-16 July, 2020

### About the Summer School

The Warwick Summer School on Practice and Process Studies has been running since 2013, bringing together scholars interested in the advancement of this academic area. We aim to create a temporary learning community characterized by open dialogue, discussion, and joint exploration. The School is multi-disciplinary and open to a variety of approaches and sensitivities. The orientation of the program alternates between beginner focus (2019) and a focus on advanced topics in practice and process studies (2020). The program of the Summer School covers state-of-the-art understandings of practice and process studies (2 days) and a variable theme (1 day) with relevance to current debates. It is organised by Warwick's Practice, Process, and Institutions (PPI) Research Programme in collaboration with the International Symposium Series on Process Organization Studies (PROS).

### State-of-the-art Understandings

The first two days of the program introduce students to the thinking and doing of practice and process research. We discuss publishing strategies and provide participants with an opportunity to receive feedback on their work from senior scholars. Manuscripts, research proposals and progress reports are shared during 'research clinics'. The faculty includes:

**Davide Nicolini, Warwick Business School**

**Sotirios Paroutis, Warwick Business School**

**Jorgen Sandberg, Warwick Business School & University of Queensland**

**Hari Tsoukas, Warwick Business School & University of Cyprus**

### Practice, Process and Issues of Scale in Global Challenges

Increasingly, scholars are interested in studying global challenges, such as climate change, environmental degradation, poverty, inequality, healthcare, policy making and regulation, etc. Capturing such large-scale phenomena can be a challenge for practice and process scholar: Should we take a micro or macro lens? Where should we look? How do we connect small scale and large-scale phenomena? How about local actions and global actions? The dualisms of large vs. small, global vs. local and near vs. far, aggravate the situation. In the summer school, we will advance discussions of scale in two ways: We will (1) rethink the methods we use to study phenomena of societal importance, and (2) shift from scale as a category of analysis to scale as a category of practice, i.e., how scale is experienced, developed and deployed by ordinary social actors in everyday practice. Guest speakers include:

**Neil Pollock, University of Edinburgh**

**Natalie Papanastasiou, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**



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### Who should attend?

In 2020, the Summer School is aimed at advanced PhDs students and early career scholars who already have experience with process and practice approaches in their research.

### Apply

The Summer School is limited to 35 participants. Applicants experienced with practice and process research and applicants set to benefit from the event will be selected to attend. Please include in your application **a personal statement about your research and the reasons for attending the summer school**. Please indicate if you are planning on attending the 'research clinics'.

To apply, please submit your application by February 28<sup>th</sup> via this link:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/93214358042351>

### Location and Fee

The Summer School will take place in the high-quality conference facilities at the University of Warwick. **The all-inclusive, subsidised fee for the 2020 Summer School is £595.** The fee is inclusive of 3 nights bed and breakfast accommodation (Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 July), all lunches and refreshment breaks and three evening meals. Off-site dinner on Wednesday 15 July will offer opportunities for networking and continued conversations beyond the school setting.

We look forward to seeing you in Warwick,  
The organizers Mira Slavova and Katharina Dittrich



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