The family business field was initiated upon a strong vision of how family business researchers and practitioners would co-create and share knowledge to better understand the dilemmas and concerns faced by the owners and leaders of family firms. Without trading rigor for relevance, the fast growth of the field has prompted a number of theoretical advancements and perspectives that are applicable to other organizations. These rigorous contributions, in particular within the last fifteen years, indicate that family business research has now reached a development stage where it can contribute and give back to mainstream management and economics disciplines, as well as general theories.

The editors of Academy of Management Review (AMR) invite applications for a Paper Development Workshop to be hosted by University of Bergamo, Italy, on June 17, 2019, in conjunction with the annual conference of the International Family Enterprise Research Academy (IFERA) (www.ifera.org).

The purpose of the workshop is to develop working manuscripts with the aim of later submission for review at AMR. In line with AMR’s guidelines, submissions must advance management and organization theory and/or the theory development process. This includes developing new theories, significantly challenging current theories, and further incorporating the family and related constructs into our theories of management. Consistent with the mission of AMR, submissions on all management-relevant topics and at all levels of analysis. The main focus is on theoretical papers; however, empirical contributions are also welcome to the extent that they offer a clear theory advancement or contribution development at first. Submissions approved for inclusion in the workshop will be those judged to make potentially significant and novel theoretical contributions to family business and management research.

**About the Workshop**

The workshop is a full-day event and will include presentations by AMR’s editorial team as well as presentations and roundtable discussions from participants. Participants will have a dedicated conversation with an AMR Associate Editor to discuss their paper and how it can be developed to get closer to submission to AMR. They will also have the opportunity to sit in on the discussion between the author(s) of other papers and the same AMR AE.

**Application Process and Deadline (April 15, 2019)**

Interested scholars should submit a full paper (max. 35 pages of text) between March 1 and April 15, 2019, using the dedicated submission form on the IFERA submission system (https://www.softconf.com/h/ifera2019).

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