

## Call for Papers

### STUDYING PATH DEPENDENCIES OF BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS, AND TECHNOLOGIES

Research Conference at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany  
School of Business & Economics  
February 28-29, 2008

**Key note speakers: Paul David and Anne Huff**

The theory of path dependence continues to attract great interest in business, strategy and organization studies. An increasing number of scholars have started to use the theory for studying organizational inertia and fixed transaction patterns. The conference organized by the path dependency research centre of the Freie Universität Berlin aims at providing a platform for researchers interested in analyzing path phenomena from different perspectives. The discussions are expected to focus on both conceptual issues of building and extending path theory and empirical studies guided by path conceptions. Conceptual as well as empirical papers from different fields are welcome: organization theory, organizational behaviour, strategic management, marketing, innovation and entrepreneurship. Beyond the field of business studies, we explicitly welcome contributions from economists, sociologists, historians and political scientists.

**Format:** This will be an intensive 2-day conference with concluding panels and two key-note speeches by Professors Paul David and Anne Huff. A maximum of 50 participants will be selected to guarantee a workshop atmosphere. The sessions combine paper presentations and discussions including interactive elements. The conference will take place at a special conference site located on the campus of the Freie Universität Berlin. Accommodation at reasonable prices is available at this site.

**Submission:** The organizers invite you to submit a paper for the conference. Papers are due by **November 15, 2007**. Please email your submission to [pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de](mailto:pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de). Proposals must be submitted in rich text (rtf) or portable document format (pdf) and should include:

- a **full paper** of a maximum of 8000 words, including an abstract of 200 words
- a separate sheet with **contact information**, including affiliation, e-mail, telephone, fax, and postal address of the author(s).

#### Conference Organizers

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#### Registration and Deadlines

Submission of papers            November 15, 2007  
Notification of authors        December 15, 2007 (also the deadline for submitting papers to OS)

For further practicalities and additional information please visit <http://www.pfadkolleg.de>

**Publication:** *Organization Studies* (OS) is willing to publish a Special Themed Section on "Organizational Path Dependency". Conference participants are invited to submit their paper for consideration to this special OS section. Deadline for submitting a full paper is December 15, 2007. Please submit your paper directly to OS (in conformity with the OS author guidelines to be found at <http://oss.sagepub.com>), indicating that it is a submission to the *Special Themed Section: Organizational Path Dependency* – and send the paper cc to [pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de](mailto:pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de).