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Call for Papers

Management control and risk management in the public sector

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Management control systems (MCS), performance measurement, risk management, and accountability issues are shaping public debates across the globe. Recent global financial crisis and subsequent budget pressure has reified interest on risk and MCS that helps to manage risk (Soin and Collier, 2013). Because of the increased focus, governance and related management control practices of organisations are increasingly effected and becoming complex (Bhimani, 2009; Hutter and Power, 2005). Progressively, the accounting literature on risk management is growing in practice and academic domain alike (Power, 2017, p2). Despite the long-standing interest in MCS, accounting and management researchers have paid relatively little attention to the everyday processes of risk management and particularly the activities of actors who control operations and manage change in organisational contexts. The MCS and risk management systems research requires practice turn from counting risk to a more focus on managing risk from the social, cultural and institutional perspectives (Mikes, 2011). This practice turn agenda, according to Power (2017) requires a bridge between macro-institutional arrangements and micro-accounts of organisational risk measurement and management practices. A micro-processual focus on risk management will highlight the constitutive role of accounting for MCS and organisational change management and will shed further light on how accounting can influence a shift in our understanding of risk from a calculative to a social practice perspective.

Empirical papers and case studies on the above themes are sought from a variety of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Only full papers will be considered for refereeing. All papers are subject to a blind review by at least two reviewers. The length of the paper should not exceed 12,000 words including references and other supplementary material.

Submit your full paper in an anonymous word file with a title page containing authors’ details via email to the symposium coordinator Dr Tarek Rana at t.rana@latrobe.edu.au

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References