



# **EurOMA Elections 2019**

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## Presidency



### **Taco van der Vaart**

Full Professor in Supply Chain Management  
Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen, the Netherlands

#### **Brief Biography:**

I am currently a full professor in Supply Chain Management at the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. My research interests focus on supply chain integration, supplier sustainability and health care operations. My research has been published in outlets including the International Journal of Operations and Production Management, Journal of Operations Management, Journal of Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Management: an International Journal and Journal of Organizational Behaviour. The most rewarding part of my work is working with young researchers especially with PhD students. Besides the actual supervision of PhD students, I have acted as the director of graduate studies within our school and in that role I was responsible for our PhD program and our Research Master program (2010-2018). EurOMA feels a bit like family. I have attended all EurOMA conferences since the one in Copenhagen in 2002. Every year it is great pleasure to meet so many colleagues in a very nice and open atmosphere. In 2008, I had the opportunity to act as co-chair of the EurOMA conference in Groningen. In that period, I also served on the board of EurOMA (2007-2009). What I really enjoy is my role as faculty in the doctoral seminar of EurOMA (since 2008). I truly appreciate the in-depth discussions within that setting. More recently, I was involved in the setup of the Sustainability Forum of EurOMA and our school hosted the first event in Groningen.

#### **Motivation / Potential Contribution:**

The main reason to stand for election and run for president of EurOMA is to contribute further to the strategic development of our association. The recent survey showed clearly the importance of the annual conference for our members. The attractiveness and quality of our conference is key for the future of EurOMA. At the same time, the growing attendance poses challenges to the association in terms of finding suitable locations, increased complexity of the logistics, the format of the conference and of the sessions, and maintaining the scientific quality of the sessions. Another area where I see opportunities to contribute, also based on my experience in the doctoral seminar, is an educational programme for young researchers with a focus on research methodology and research methods. I am very motivated to contribute to our association and I believe that I am qualified to fulfil the role. Qualities that colleagues contribute to me are good communication skills, decision-making capabilities and commitment. I also believe that I can benefit from the many good contacts I have within our community.

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## Candidates/Board Positions



### **Luciano Batista**

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Operations Management  
Aston University, Aston Business School, Birmingham, UK

#### **Brief Biography:**

I am Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Operations Management at Aston Business School, Aston University, UK. I have been attending EurOMA conferences since my PhD qualification at Manchester Business School over 10 years ago. I am also a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy and a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), where I am board member of its Logistics Research Network. I am in the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Supply Chain and Operations Resilience, the International Journal of Industrial Engineering and Operations Management and the RAUSP Management Journal (Emerald). My research is centred on sustainable operations and supply chains applied to the circular economy. In this area I have guest edited two Special Issues: 'Supply Chain Operations for a Circular Economy' for the Production Planning and Control journal and 'From Linear to Circular Manufacturing Business Models' for the Journal of Manufacturing Technology Management. I have also organised and chaired Special Sessions/Research Tracks on circular supply chains and the role of digital technologies in the circular economy for the EurOMA 2016 and 2018 conferences.

#### **Motivation / Potential Contribution:**

EurOMA is an inspiring academic community for me. The association has a number of leading scholars and peers whose work I have been following over the years. I have also identified myself with the association's values and mission. After having worked closely with board members and the Scientific and Organising Committees of recent conferences, I have developed good familiarity with the EurOMA modus operandi. This call for board members represents for me an opportunity to have a more active role in the association. If elected for the board I expect to make active contributions to its pre-conference events and expand the global presence of the association by engaging with academics from regions where EurOMA is seeking to develop its activities further, such as Central and East Europe and even overseas. I would also stimulate more productive methodological debates in EurOMA events. Quite a few academics have developed unfruitful polarised views on methodological approaches for empirical research in our area. As a scientific community, I believe EurOMA can play an important role in encouraging constructive debates that harness the power of different methodological approaches. I think EurOMA events such as Doctoral Seminars, Young Scholars and Journal Publishing Workshops would be good venues to stimulate constructive mindset and mitigate detrimental methodological bias in our field.



## **Federico Caniato**

Full Professor

Politecnico di Milano School of Management, Italy

### **Brief Biography:**

I am Full Professor at Politecnico di Milano School of Management (Italy), teaching Supply Chain and Purchasing Management at both undergraduate and graduate level. I am the Director of the International Master in Supply Chain and Procurement Management at MIP Politecnico di Milano Graduate School of Business, and member of the board of the PhD program in Management Engineering of Politecnico di Milano. My research interests cover Supply Chain and Purchasing Strategy and Sustainability, and lately I am focusing on Supply Chain Finance. I am the Director of the Supply Chain Finance observatory of Politecnico di Milano and board member of the International Supply Chain Finance Community. I have coordinated for several years the International Manufacturing Strategy Survey (IMSS) network and contributed to the birth of the International Purchasing Survey (IPS) network. I am Associate Editor of the Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management (JPSM) and serve as reviewer for many Operations Management journals (e.g. IJOPM, IJPE, SCM:IJ, JCLEPRO, PPC). In 2009 and 2010 I contributed to the birth and organization of the EurOMA Summer School in Operations Management and I have been part of the organizing committee of the 2017 EurOMA Sustainable Operations and Supply Chains Forum in Milano. I have been a speaker in the EurOMA Young Scholar Workshops in 2016 and 2018. I have served in the EurOMA board from 2016 to 2019, with responsibility for communication activities, which included the association website and newsletter.

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution:**

I wish to stand for re-election to the EurOMA board because, after being a member since 2001, attending all conferences so far, and serving on the board for 3 years, I wish to continue my active contribution to the association further development, continuing and growing the support to PhD candidates and young faculty in our field. In particular, I wish to support EurOMA and its members to face the challenges of today's academic world, in particular the need to continuously improve the scientific level of our research, while increasing our impact on the managerial context and the society at large. Young faculty often face a sort of dilemma when they are asked to publish in top journals, which are increasingly demanding from a methodological and theoretical perspective, and at the same time to attract external funding, which is more and more oriented towards practical, managerial impact. I think that as EurOMA we can provide some support in combining these two tensions, trying to make them complementary rather than alternative.



## **Marco Formentini**

Associate Professor in Sustainable Supply Chain Management  
Audencia Business School, France

### **Brief Biography**

Dr. Marco Formentini is an Associate Professor in Sustainable Supply Chain Management at Audencia Business School, Nantes (France). He received his PhD from University of Padova (Italy) and he has been previously Research Fellow at Cass Business School, London (UK) and Lecturer at University of Bath, School of Management, Bath (UK).

His research involves activities in the areas of Operations and Supply Chain Management, focusing mainly on sustainability - investigating corporate sustainability strategies and related governance mechanisms such as certifications - supply chain collaboration with a specific interest on agri-food supply chains, and integration of international supply chains.

He published in leading journals such as International Journal of Operations & Production Management, Industrial Marketing Management, Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management, European Journal of Operational Research, International Journal of Production Economics, International Journal of Production Research, Transportation Research: Part E and Journal of Cleaner Production.

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution**

I am applying for a position as member of the EurOMA board, since the Association has always been an important reference point and it has continuously supported my development as academic, considering both research and teaching contexts. I have been an active member since 2009, attending regularly several EurOMA initiatives (e.g. OM Research Methodologies Workshop, EurOMA Summer School, Early Career Scholars Workshop, Conference, Sustainability Forum).

I believe it is now the time to actively serve the EurOMA community, and I am committed to contribute by considering these objectives:

- Representing the French operations and supply chain management academic context at the European and international level and identify opportunities to develop research and educational events in France related to OM;
- On the basis of my experience and interest for action research, focusing on the opportunity to create stronger connections between academia and industry for impactful research;
- Identifying the opportunity to strengthen connections internally between EurOMA members and externally through social media and innovative events for the dissemination of research produced by the Association members and a fruitful dialogue with the industry and other key stakeholders.



## **Leopoldo Gutierrez**

Associate professor  
University of Granada, Spain

### **Brief Biography**

Leopoldo Gutierrez is Associate professor at the University of Granada (Spain), where he teaches Operations Management and Strategic Management. Since 2015, he serves as Associate Dean of Students and Business Relations of the Faculty of Business and Economics. His research is mainly focused on Quality Management, Lean Six Sigma, Supply Chain, Sustainability, and Dynamic Capabilities, and his articles have been published in journals such as International Journal of Operations and Production Management, European Journal of Operational Research, Journal of Supply Chain, International Journal of Production Economics, International Journal of Production Research, or British Journal of Management. As international experience, he was a visiting professor in Aarhus University (Denmark) and he is adjunct professor in the University of New England (Australia). In addition, he was a visiting researcher in the University of Texas-Pan American (USA), Vrije University (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), The City University of New York (CUNY) (USA), and visited several European Universities within the Erasmus+ program. Finally, as professional experience, he founded in 2008 a non-profit organization for international cooperation -with presence and technical assistance in countries such as Guatemala, Madagascar or Morocco-, being its vice-president until 2018. Additionally, he was business associate of an organization for sustainability implementation in sport management.

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution**

I have been a member of EurOMA since 2013, and I can affirm that it is an excellent meeting point for any OM researcher. The welcome, the atmosphere among colleagues, the constructive spirit and the dynamism that leads EurOMA to continue advancing and growing, are some of the characteristics that I have been able to find. These reasons motivate me to offer my experience, enthusiasm and energy to the association, contributing to its growth and consolidation in Europe. I enjoy getting involved in new projects and I think that joining the EurOMA board could be a great opportunity to meet and collaborate to new people, as well as combining efforts to learn and innovate. Among my main interests, I would like to strengthen the OM field in Europe, especially in countries that currently have less presence in the association. I would like to promote EurOMA activities, attracting the involvement of young and senior researchers who might offer a great potential to present and future projects. Further, reinforcing the approach OM research to the relevant problems of society together with enhancing the sustainability of the association itself, would be some lines that I would like to promote.



## **Jasna Prester**

Associate Professor in the Department of Organisation and Management  
Faculty of Business and Economics, Zagreb

### **Brief Biography**

Jasna Prester is an Associate Professor in the Department of Organisation and Management at the Faculty of Business and Economics Zagreb, teaching Operations and Supply Chain Management related subjects. She obtained her PhD in 2006 from Faculty of Business and Economics Zagreb. Her research interests are in Innovation, Servitization, and Supply Chain Management and published in various academic journals. She was the lead researcher in FP6 Project Manufacturing Visions led by Fraunhofer ISI Institute, Karlsruhe, Germany. Recently, Jasna completed a national research project funded by Croatian National Science Foundation. She is an active member of the Global Manufacturing Research Group (GRMRG). She has organised many workshops in the area of OM and in 2017 she led the organising committee for "1st EurOMA Danube Workshop".

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution**

I have been a EurOMA member since 2004 and I enjoyed many benefits of the Association, including workshops, conferences and other educational events. As a member of the EurOMA community, I recognise the great opportunity for networking and collaboration. My main motivation is to enhance research collaboration in Danube region and central and Eastern Europe. The first EurOMA Danube workshop showed there is potential for collaboration and growth of the EurOMA network within this region. Also, I would like to contribute to the continuous development of the EurOMA events, specifically focusing on connecting researchers with practitioners. I believe that young scholars need to be supported and I would like to focus on the developing interactions and integration of their networks through the EurOMA events.



## **Matthias Thurer**

Distinguished Professor in Management Science and Engineering  
Jinan University, China

### **Brief Biography**

I currently hold the position of a Distinguished Professor in Management Science and Engineering at Jinan University (P.R. China). I hold a Master from the Technical University Berlin (Germany) and a Ph.D. from the University of Coimbra (Portugal). In 2018 I received a Pearl River (PR) scholar award. Simple control for complex shops is my main research interests and I have published widely on this topic in leading Operations Management (OM) journals, such as the International Journal of Production Economics, International Journal of Production Research, European Journal of Operational Research and Production & Operations Management. I am also an author of the Shingo Research Award winning book Card-based Control Systems for a Lean Work Design: The Fundamentals of Kanban, ConWIP, POLCA and COBACABANA. During my career I obtained individual and general funds from leading institutions in Brazil and China, executed several company projects and constantly sought to improve the way OM is taught.

### **Motivation / Potential Contribution**

EUROMA provides an important contribution by connecting Europe's OM scholars. However, it appears entrenched in Western Europe. I feel that more could be done in terms of outreach, better connecting the European OM community across all parts of Europe with the world. There is a strong internationalization of other OM related associations, such as POMS. This not only allows to increase the visibility of these associations, but also taps into large resources while stimulating research cooperation. My motivation would be to foster internationalization both in terms of EUROMA members and EUROMA sponsored conferences and workshops.

I maintain a broad research network, regularly visiting Universities in Europe (e.g. Lancaster University (UK), Technical University Hamburg-Harburg (Germany), University of Groningen (The Netherlands)), in the US (e.g. University of Clemson, Duquesne, Michigan State University), South America (e.g. Autonomous University of San Luis Potosi (Mexico), Federal University of São Carlos (Brazil)) and Asia (e.g. Hong Kong University (HK), National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (Taiwan)). Being German, I am strongly integrated in the Western European research community, working in China for several years I am strongly integrated into the Chinese research community and having my PhD from Portugal and a post-doc from Brazil I am strongly integrated into the Portuguese speaking research community. As a board member I hope to increase visibility in these communities. I hope that I can provide connections, but also cultural insights on what can be done (and how) and what not.