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Jeff Jia

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Brief Biography:

Fu Jia, PhD, is a Chair (Full) Professor of Supply Chain Management and Director of Sustainability and Resilience Theme at the University of York Management School, England. He is also a visiting professor to several universities including Zhejiang and Fudan Universities. He is also director of Business, Nature and Value (BNV) Research Centre at York and currently leads a number of projects funded by Newton Fund, ESRC, EPSRC and industrial sources related to supply chain management and e-commerce both in the UK and in China. His research interests have been in strategic supply chain management represented in the following interrelated themes: supply relationship management in a cross cultural context, global sourcing, supply chain learning and innovation, agricultural supply chain and cooperatives and sustainable supply chain management. He has published extensively in leading international OM/SCM journals such as JoM, IJOPM, JBL, IJPE, SCMIJ, JPSM, JCP and IBR among others. Prof. Jia is an Associate Editor to International Journal of Operations and Production Management (IJOPM), Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management (JPSM) and International Food and Agri-business Management Review (IFAMR). He was an executive board member of IPSERA. Prof. Jia obtained his PhD from Cranfield, MBA from Birmingham, UK. Prior to his academic career, he had worked several years in the 3PL sector in Beijing, China.

Motivation / Potential Contribution:

I have been known for carrying out strategic Purchasing and Supply Chain Management (SCM) and Sustainable SCM research, both of which have had significant impact on the supply chain management of private sectors. Both are international in nature.

I have published over 60 academic papers in peer-reviewed journals including 9 in IJOPM. I have guest edited or am guest editing two special issues for IJOPM: "The role of digital transformation to empower Supply Chain Finance: Current Research Status and Future Research Directions" (2020); The Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0): Technologies' Disruption on Operations and Supply Chain Management" (2019).

My new textbook with Prof. Steve Brown (Southampton) and Prof. John Bessant (Exeter) titled 'Strategic Operations Management' (4th Ed) has been published by Routledge in September

2018. My paper (with Prof. Zhaohui Wu, Oregon State) titled "Toward a Theory of Supply Chain Fields -- Understanding the Institutional Process of Supply Chain Localization" has been published by Journal of Operations Management and won the 2019 Jack Meredith Best Paper award honorable mention (runner-up award) from the Journal of Operations Management. I have been Associate Editor for IJOPM since 2017 and have been a reviewer for IJOPM since 2013.

My research projects have been focusing on European MNCs' global sourcing and SSCM practice.

I have been teaching SCM modules in universities (Exeter, Bristol and York) in the UK for the past 10 years. I am a Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy in the UK.

My consultancy work has been focusing on helping companies to improve their supply chain efficiency and effectiveness through organizational structural change and re-designing supply chain policy. Company clients include Cummins, Tetra Pak, Nestle, IKEA and SKF. I was tasked to provide advice on global sourcing strategy and design International Purchasing Offices (Cummins, IKEA and SKF) and advise on their sustainability strategy (Nestlé and Tetra Pak). I have been advising WWF China on their corporate engagement strategy.

The contribution you would hope to make to EurOMA if elected.

China is one of the most important manufacturing destinations in the world, is a fertile ground for OM/SCM research and have accumulated a wealth of experience over the past 40 years. EurOMA should pay more attention to and build stronger links with China. I was born, grew up and did my undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering in China. I have also built extensive academic network with OM/SCM scholars in China while working in the UK for the past 17 years. I therefore could make use my resources and influence in China to build stronger link between EurOMA and members and associations in China in order to facilitate the exchange of ideas, academics and students between European and Chinese OM scholars and increase the influence of EurOMA in China and between EurOMA and Chinese companies. I can be a bridge or the first point of contact between EurOMA and Chinese universities, associations and businesses representing EurOMA.

- Organise special session on SSCM, sustainable OM/manufacturing focusing on China.
- Attract members from Asian including China taking advantage of my extensive academic and business network in China
- Build stronger links between EurOMA and SCM/OM associations based in China, e.g., China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing, which the applicant serves as an advisor and ICOSCM/ASCOM.

In addition, I will actively participate and support other non-China related activities as appropriate.



Laura Macchion

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Brief Biography:

Laura is assistant professor at the Department of Management Engineering of the University of Padua, where she teaches Quality and Operations Management and Circular Economy. She is a representative member of Italy on the EurOMA Board since 2017 and referee for important international journals. Her competences are focused on Supply Chain Management and Operations Management. Her most recent research deals with the impact of sustainability on the management of complex and international supply networks and with the possibilities offered by new technologies to product and process personalization, assessing their implications for supply chain configurations. Laura has also a teaching experience in Executive and Master programs in Business Schools and is actively involved in national and international research projects.

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.



George Onofrei, PhD

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Brief Biography

George is a Senior Lecturer in the Operation and Supply Chain Management area at the School of Business, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Ireland. He has over 10 years of teaching experience in Operations Management and Supply Chain Management at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He is Vice-President of Global Manufacturing Research Group (GMRG) and has been involved in several international collaborative research programmes. George has published in several OM and SCM journals and has been active in the field of business consulting in lean implementation and continuous improvement. His research interests include sustainability in manufacturing and service industries, lean manufacturing and operational performance. George has led the organising committee of the 8th EurOMA Summer School in Ireland and served as a board member from 2017-2020.

Motivation / Potential Contribution

I have been a member of EurOMA since 2009 and enjoyed many benefits of the Association, including the Summer School, the Young Scholar Workshops and the Annual Conference at which I have been a regular presenter. Being part of the EurOMA "family" is a great opportunity for networking and collaboration. Over the last ten years I have conducted practitioner-oriented research projects with a range of multinational companies. With my combined academic and industry and experience, I can contribute fresh and novel insights to the EurOMA Board and apply my organisational and management skills with considerable effect.

If elected, my priority would be like to further develop and enhance the activities of EurOMA in supporting and mentoring young researchers. During my previous term on the board, I was involved in the educational events and developed an educational events manual in order to assist future organisers and further improve the participants experience. Also, there is a need to input feedback from the EurOMA participants in all the educational events and this will continue to be my focus, if elected. Also, I would like to continue to work towards attracting more OM researchers from Eastern Europe, as there is a great potential to expand this network.

I strongly believe that EurOMA contributes to the development of OM field In Europe and beyond and would be honoured to continue to serve on the Board.



Samuel Roscoe

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Brief Biography

I am a Senior Lecturer in Operations Management at the University of Sussex Business School. I am the leader of the Supply Chain 4.0 Research Hub at Sussex and my research interests are on how emerging technologies (3D printing, Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence) are reconfiguring global supply chains. I have recently published in the Journal of Operations Management on digital manufacturing in the aerospace sector and in IJOPM on dynamic supply chain capabilities.

Motivation / Potential Contribution

I am interested in joining the Board because my membership of EurOMA has proved invaluable to my career development and I would like to pass this on to other early career researchers. I first attended EurOMA in 2014 in Sicily, where I participated in the developmental paper workshop. Input from senior academics during the workshop helped to shape my first published journal article. Since then, I have attended each EurOMA conference and have built a large network of academics from around the world. Last year, I was asked to submit an article for IJOPM's EurOMA 2019 special issue, and the paper is in the second round of review. I believe that by joining the EurOMA Board I can help other early career researchers to develop into leading operations and supply chain scholars.

I am part of the conference organizing committee for EurOMA 2021 in Berlin, hosted by the University of Sussex Business School. By joining the Board, I will make a contribution to EurOMA by developing special tracks and sessions that will advance thinking in Operations and Supply Chain Management. I am interested in establishing special sessions on emerging technologies in emergency situations, such as how Artificial Intelligence can mitigate the impact of epidemics such as coronavirus, or how 3D printing can be deployed in the field to print prostheses for victims of natural and man-made disasters. I would also like to create workshops for early career researchers on developing publishing strategies through a better understanding of journal rankings, peer-review and the targeting of special issues. Finally, I would like to run 2-3 paper development workshops throughout the year in the UK and continental Europe, where junior and senior academics co-author papers that are specifically targeted at IJOPM and POM.



Vanajah Siva Subramaniam

Assistant Professor
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Brief Biography

As a member of EurOMA since 2011, I, Vanajah Siva, would like to submit my application to become a member of the EurOMA board.

Currently, I am employed as an Assistant Professor at the School of Engineering (JTH) of Jönköping University in Sweden. My responsibilities at JTH's department of Supply Chain and Operations Management (SCOM) include Program Manager of a bachelor's program called Sustainable Supply Chain Management (SSCM). I am the teacher and examiner of two courses within this SSCM program, Quality Management & Engineering and Research Methods & Communication. I also supervise and examine bachelor and master theses. As for research, I am involved in a project called VISION involving automation of quality inspection in manufacturing industries. The purpose is to investigate the effects of automation on employees and social sustainability, in general. I was a post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Business School of Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, where I was a part of an EU-funded project called Dŵr Uisce. The project aimed to improve the long-term sustainability of water supply, treatment and end-use in Ireland and Wales through the development of several new innovative technology platforms. I have obtained a doctoral degree (PhD) in 2016 from Chalmers University of Technology, division of Service Management and Logistics (previously known as Quality Sciences) at the department of Technology Management and Economics. My PhD research was focused on the adaptations of Quality Management practices and tools in order to support the facilitation of sustainable product development. I also have industrial experiences from Malaysia as a Quality Engineer for ten years in various manufacturing multinationals.

Motivation / Potential Contribution

I have attended EurOMA conferences since 2011, and the EurOMA Sustainability Forum since its inception in 2014 as a member. In the last 9 years, I have benefited substantially from EurOMA in many ways, most importantly the valuable networks with fellow EurOMA members. The said networks and subsequent relationships have presented me with valuable opportunities such as a study visit to the University of Groningen in 2014, the post-doctoral researcher position at Trinity College in Dublin, and ensuing journal publications of peer-reviewed research papers submitted and presented at the conferences. EurOMA has helped establish my own niche in the world of research, and therefore have given me a sense of belonging. I have stood on the edges of this community long enough, and at this point I strongly believe that the time has come for me to contribute to EurOMA in the larger capacity of a board member. It is also apt to note here that I am one of the older young scholars of EurOMA, and therefore experienced and relevant.

The Operations Management and Supply Chain Management research in support of sustainable solutions and development demands the involvement and contribution of motivated diversified young scholars of EurOMA. If elected, I shall bring forward the expertise and strength required to shape the future of EurOMA in its stride towards creating and adapting the suitable changes required in our esteemed research community. I am confident in my ability to contribute to EurOMA in terms of promoting and supporting multi-disciplinary research which is highly relevant in current era. Further, there is a necessity to analyze and evaluate the collaboration and publication opportunities and/or challenges that multi-disciplinary research brings. Moving forward, such efforts will strengthen the association and its members by promoting expansion and evolution of the OM field to include, for example, automation and social sustainability.



Evelyne Vanpoucke

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Brief Biography

Since 2015, I am an Associate Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management at Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium. I received my PhD from Ghent University (Belgium) and was a faculty member at Maastricht University (the Netherlands). My research interests focus on supply chain integration, supply chain resilience and sustainable supply chain management. My research has been published in outlets including the Journal of Operations Management, International Journal of Operations and Production Management, International Journal of Production Research and Supply Chain Management: an International Journal. I am also the Academic Director of the Master in Management Science at my University, welcoming and supporting each year around 300 students from all over the world.

Motivation / Potential Contribution

I have attended a lot of EurOMA conferences since my first EUROMA conference at Strathclyde in 2006 as a PhD student. Every year it is pleasure to meet so many colleagues, enabling me to build a network and to set up new research collaborations. Over the years, I participated in a lot of activities at EurOMA such as the Young scholar workshop and the Publishing workshop. Since last year, I am proud to be a faculty member in the doctoral seminar of EurOMA, as I really enjoy having in-depth research discussions with our young researchers. EurOMA is an inspiring research network for me. It helps me to build a network of researchers with whom I collaborate, it inspires me to conduct new research and to stay up to date in the field of operations management. As a beneficiary of all these EurOMA services, I feel it is time to take up a more active role in the association.

If elected for the board, I would like to contribute by stimulating further activities such as the Doctoral Seminars, the Young Scholars workshop and the Journal Publishing Workshops. These are crucial in the demanding academic world, as researchers are required to deliver high quality scientific output, i.e., well-designed in terms of method and theory development, while at the same time, it should impact society and businesses at large. EurOMA should help and guide researchers to combine these strengths and stimulate a balance between these different requirements. I would also like to contribute to new opportunities to further professionalize our teaching skills, as there are many possibilities today to digitally enrich our classroom of operations management.