



The Research Centre of the Faculty of Economics

cordially invites you to a research seminar on Thursday, 12th May 2016 at 1 p.m. in room P-212 at the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

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will present the article:

"Who does what in enabling ambidexterity? Individual actions and HRM practices"

"In this paper we explore how ambidexterity, the simultaneous pursuit of exploration and exploitation, is enabled. The research to date has been dominated by theoretical approaches and we know little about how ambidexterity is enacted and in particular the individual actions that underpin it. In addition there is limited work on which actions are related to particular roles and specifically the level of seniority of the role. We address these gaps by asking: Which actions are undertaken by employees at particular levels in the organization to enable ambidexterity? In order to answer this question we draw on previous research to construct relevant measures of individual actions and ambidexterity. The findings indicate that senior employees use three particular actions, i.e. 'integration', 'role expansion' and 'tone setting', whilst employees with specialist knowledge about their clients use 'gap filling' to enable ambidexterity. We also find that the individual action of integration explains the most variance in ambidexterity. This holds particular implications for the way in which HRM practices can support ambidexterity in so far as it indicates how organizations should resource projects, design roles, develop and reward employees to enable ambidexterity."

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