FIGURE 1

Theoretical content of OM articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)
FIGURE 2 Emergence of theories in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)

Contingency theory
- Burns & Stalker (1961)
- Pfeffer & Salancik (1978)
- Burns (1980)

RBV/Competence theory
- Porter (1980)
- Wernerfelt (1984)

Industrial organisational theory
- Checkland (1981)
- Bourgeois (1985)

Property rights theory
- Larson (1987)

Queueing theory
- Queuing theory

Game theory
- Game theory

Theory of constraints
- Theory of constraints

Equity theory
- Equity theory

Resource dependency theory
- Resource dependency theory

Agency theory
- Agency theory

Control theory
- Control theory

Social exchange institutional theory

Control theory

Institutional theory
- DiMaggio (1993)

Network theory
- Granovetter (1992)

System theory
- System theory

Behavioural theory
- Payne et al. (1993)

TCE theory
- Williamson (1975)

Property rights theory
- Property rights theory

Industrial organisational theory
- Industrial organisational theory

RBV/Competence theory

Contingency theory

1980 - Start of OM journals
FIGURE 3 Topics addressed in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)
Figure 4: Theories in the top 20 cited papers in each of IJOPM, POM and JOM (N=60)