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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
- RBV/Competence theory
- Burns & Stalker (1961)
- Porter (1980)
- Wernerfelt (1984)
- Industrial organisational theory
- Goal systems theory
- Bourgeois (1985)
- Checkland (1981)
- Property rights theory
- Queuing theory
- Larson (1987)
- Equity theory
- Systems theory
- Adams (1963)
- Theory of constraints
- Williamson (1975)
- Game theory
- Resource dependency theory
- Granovetter (1992)
- Network theory
- Agency theory
- Control theory
- TCE theory
- Social exchange
- Institutional theory
- Institutional theory
- Behavioural theory
- Swift

Headings:
- 1980 - Start of OM journals
FIGURE 3: Topics addressed in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)

Supply chain management
Production management / scheduling
Quality management / TQM
Services
Manufacturing strategy / systems
Operations management
Inventory control / management
Perform measurement / management
IT
Environmental / sustainability
Product design / development / variety
IT / IS / Internet
Pricing
Materials resource planning / material management
Flex manufacturing systems
Purchasing / procurement
Advanced manufacturing technologies
E-commerce / e-business / e-procurement
Capacity
Learning / knowledge management
Operations strategy
Lean management
Cellular manufacturing
Customer service
Globalisation / international / cultural
Remanufacturing / reverse logistics
New product development
Competitiveness
Assembly
Lot sizing
Decision making / support
Project management
Process management
Outsourcing
BPR
Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Organisational change / design
Forecasting
Innovation
Demand
Cost
HRM
Benchmarking
Customisation
Strategic manufacturing
Heuristics
Distribution
Data management / envelopment / bases
Productivity
Agile production
Marketing
Figure 4: Theories in the top 20 cited papers in each of IJOPM, POM and JOM (N=60)