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
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- Burgelman (1983)
- Game theory

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- Social exchange
- Institutional theory
- Swift
- Resource dependency theory
- TCE theory
- Network theory
- Agency theory
- Control theory
- Theory of constraints
- Equity theory
- Systems theory
- Queuing theory
- Goal systems theory
- Game theory
- Property rights theory
- Industrial organisational theory
- RBV/Competence theory
- Contingency theory

Figure 4: Theories in the top 20 cited papers in each of IJOPM, POM and JOM (N=60)