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)

1980 - Start of OM journals

Contingency theory
- Burns & Stalker (1961)
- Pfeffer & Salancik (1978)
- Burns & Seder @ (1984)
- Petrini & Basset (2008)

RBV/Competence theory
- Wernerfelt (1984)
- Porter (1980)
- Larson (1987)

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

Goal systems theory
- Bourgeois (1986)
- Checkland & Craggs (1984)

Resource dependency theory
- Pfeffer & Salancik (1978)
- institute & Swink (1998)

Agency theory
- Jensen & Meckling (1976)

TCE theory
- Williamson (1975)

Game theory
- Von Neumann et al (1944)

Behavioural theory
- Payne et al (1993)

Contingency theory

Social exchange theory

Institutional theory
- DiMaggio (1993)

Control theory

Network theory
- Emerson (1976)
- Granovetter (1992)

Equity theory

Systems theory

Queueing theory

Goal systems theory

Game theory

Property rights theory

Industrial organisational theory

RBV/Competence theory
FIGURE 3 Topics addressed in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)

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