

RESEARCH IN MANAGEMENT LEARNING & EDUCATION

# unConference



## 2025 Research in Management Learning and Education (RMLE) Unconference

Held in partnership with Liverpool John Moores University  
at the Museum of Liverpool, June 19-20, 2025

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS – SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We are thrilled to announce our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary RMLE Unconference will be held in partnership with Liverpool John Moores University. It will take place on June 19-20, 2025 in Liverpool, UK at the stunning Museum of Liverpool on the River Mersey (yes, there will be a very special part of this year's event focused on Liverpool's most famous band). As anyone who has been to one of our events will tell you, we believe firmly that research discussions shouldn't have to rise from the ashes of recycled rhetoric and boring presentations prepared months in advance. We believe interactions about research are the most rewarding when they take place face-to-face, in intimate spaces, with an open, organic, and generative atmosphere. If you're interested in innovative, cutting-edge research in management education or if you have questions related to research in management education that are not addressed through traditional conference or workshop forums, our tenth annual **Research in Management Learning and Education (RMLE) Unconference** is for you.

### FORMAT & OBJECTIVES

Unlike traditional conference formats with strict agendas, predetermined content, fixed streams, and planned presentations, an unconference is organic and participant driven. The fundamental goal of an Unconference is to bring together interested, passionate, and knowledgeable people to create a forum where they share, learn, engage, question, contribute, discuss, and debate issues they deem important. Each participant is a contributor and all interactions take place in flexible and highly interactive ways (see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unconference>).

The 2025 RMLE Unconference will start at **9:00am on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** and conclude at **2:30pm on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. During this 1.5 day event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Share ideas about key research areas that you would like to pursue with others.
- Discuss research questions or concerns that you have been unable to address in other forums.
- Learn from others about their experiences with research project design, development, and publication.
- Consider issues that are emerging through recent management education research and scholarship.
- Engage in an intimate and informal setting with others interested in management education research.
- Interact with editors and board members of numerous journals including the *Journal of Management Education*, the *Academy of Management Learning and Education*, and *Management Learning*.

### SUBMISSIONS

In terms of scope, the research domain for RMLE Unconferences is anything that relates to management teaching, learning, education, and the contexts within which these occur. As a result, your submission should focus on issues related to all applications of management education (whether that be in universities, consulting agencies, or other organizations) as well as the processes and outcomes related to its practice.

The path to attending the RMLE Unconference is simple. First, think about management education research questions, ideas, and concerns (QICs) that are important to you. Then, using those thoughts as fodder, create a short summary of your most pressing QICs and send it in for review. These submissions are not traditional conference submissions in that they should be free-flowing descriptions of your questions, ideas, and concerns. You do not need to include references unless they help you explain your thoughts.

For consistency and ease of reading through them on our end, your QIC submissions should be sent as single-spaced Word documents written in Times New Roman (11pt) font. Please include two versions of your submission: (1) the first

with a title, your name, institutional affiliation, and email address centred at the top of the document and (2) the second with a title only (to be used for blind review). In terms of length, submissions can be as short as you feel comfortable in terms of adequately sharing your questions, ideas, and concerns but should be no longer than 500 words excluding references (if you have them). *Please note: the only way to attend the event is if you have an accepted QIC submission.*

Examples of a few of the QIC topics drawn from our past RMLE Unconferences include concerns related to the impact of technology, AI, culture, and disruption on learning; facilitating and measuring deep-level learning, reflexivity, and community engagement; the interface of culture and learning; the application of threshold concepts on management research and practice; questions about managerial wisdom and embeddedness; questions about how institutionalization and accreditation pressures are impacting tertiary education. Ideas for sharing can stem from current or future research projects, practical or conceptual extensions to theories or models that excite or interest you, and/or discussions you have had with colleagues in your own or other disciplines. Other ideas may stem from calls for special issues, recent articles you have read, global or local issues that impact educational processes, internal mandates within your organization, or anything unusual that has sparked an idea for a research project. We look forward to a collection of stimulating and engaging submissions from researchers interested in management education drawn from across a variety of disciplinary backgrounds and all levels of academic tenure/seniority. Early career researchers and those new to management education research are absolutely welcome!

Submissions will be double-blind peer reviewed and decisions will be emailed to authors within two weeks. All submissions should be emailed to Amy Kenworthy, RMLE Unconference Chair, at [akenwort@bond.edu.au](mailto:akenwort@bond.edu.au) Please note: if you do not receive a confirmation receipt within 48 hours of your submission, then we have not received it.

#### **LOCATION & REGISTRATION**

We are thrilled to be holding our 2025 RMLE Unconference on the riverfront in Liverpool, UK. Our institutional partner is Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU). With a mission to develop exciting, brave, resilient people and embrace effective, impactful change, LJMU's approach to everything they do is guided by four values – to be student focused, inclusive, caring about community, and courageous. You won't want to miss the opportunity to explore everything the Liverpool region has to offer before and/or after our event.

The 2025 RMLE Unconference has a registration fee of £250 (roughly \$480 AUD, €295, and \$318 USD) for accepted participants. Thanks to the generous support of our LJMU host, this fee covers the cost of two working lunches, multiple refreshment breaks, a working dinner (wine and beer included), and a fun local experience. There are special reduced rates that will be available to Unconference participants at a number of local hotels and there are many Airbnb options in the area (participants make their own accommodation bookings). If you are a doctoral student or junior faculty and do not have the institutional or personal funds to offset the costs of attending, you can apply for a waived registration fee. We try our best to make this an affordable, locally immersive, engaging, productive, and all-around fun event for everyone.

Registration for the Unconference must be completed on or before **March 14, 2025**. Further registration information will be emailed to all accepted contributors as a part of their acceptance email.

**For more information about our RMLE Unconferences, please see our website at [www.rmle.org](http://www.rmle.org) .  
Come be a part of it with us... we can't wait to see what the 2025 event brings!**

