The 17th Annual OMT Dissertation Proposal Workshop will be held on Saturday August 10th in Boston, Massachusetts, between 11.30 and 13.30.

Q: Wait, I'm confused. There are so many different offerings at Academy. Is this one for me at my stage in my doctoral program?

A: The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is aimed at doctoral students who have completed preliminaries and have selected a dissertation topic but have not yet defended their dissertation proposal. If you have a 50-page proposal with data, well-defined hypotheses, and a committee, you are probably too advanced. On the other hand, if you have not narrowed your ideas beyond a broad theoretical or phenomenological space, you are probably too early.

Q: What goes on during the Workshop?

A: The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is a chance for students at the pre-proposal stage to draw on the wisdom and expertise of a group of established OMT scholars to develop a defensible dissertation proposal. It aims to help you improve the focus and framing of research
questions, identifying and addressing methodological issues, and/or constructively critiquing conceptual foundations. As well as these important content issues, discussions may also address process issues like managing your dissertation committee, and completing the dissertation. The workshop is built around you getting individual developmental feedback from mentors and peers with similar research interests.

Q: So who are the faculty mentors?

A: Joel Baum, University of Toronto; Christine Beckman, University of Southern California; Eva Boxenbaum, Copenhagen Business School; Marc-David Seidel, University of British Columbia; Peer Fiss, University of Southern California; Candace Jones, University of Edinburgh; Michael Lounsbury, University of Alberta; Nelson Phillips, Imperial College London; Davide Ravasi, UCL School of Management

Q: This sounds good, how much does it cost?

A: There is no fee for attending the workshop although you will need to be registered for the Academy of Management Meetings to attend.

Q: OK, so what do I need to do to get in on this?

A: You submit your application consisting of your CV and a 4-5 page abstract outlining your research area, methodological approach, potential contributions, and one interesting fact about yourself outside of academia by June 14th, 2019 at 5PM (Greenwich Meridian Time) to Davide Ravasi (d.ravasi@ucl.ac.uk). These abstracts will form the basis of discussions during the workshop and will be shared with other participants. We will notify accepted applicants with a registration code to complete registration. Attendance is strictly limited so early application is advised.