

Publishing OSS Research

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Contributing to Knowledge (1)

- *Conventional literature as source* of insights
- *Open source as target* of insights
 - Focus on explanation
- Contributions
 - Bringing OSS into mainstream of mgmt research
 - Framing OSS phenomena - establishing vocabulary
 - Build foundation for future research
 - Implications of *super-linear* contributions for project management of OSS projects
 - Systematic rating of OSS projects
 - Comparing projects
 - Effectiveness of metrics

Contributing to Knowledge (2)

- **OSS as context** to generate insights
 - Leadership
 - Coordination
 - Ownership - balancing constituencies
 - Sustaining participation
- **Conventional literature as target**
 - Teams, Groups, Networks, Innovation,
- Contribution - Novel (and robust) reframing of phenomena in target context
 - Theory building!
 - Broadening, enlarging scope
 - Highlighting nuances, enhancing granularity

OSS as Context for Insights

- Generalizable Explanations
- Theories of Process and Time
 - Leadership in contexts of fluid membership
 - Leadership at small scales
 - Antecedents of critical mass
 - How small can critical mass be?
 - Abandonment of social movements
 - Architectures of participation
 - Factors linked to innovation
 - Coordination of distributed expertise
 - Balancing private and public interests

Contributing to Knowledge (3)

- Development of Methodologies
 - Novel statistical tools
 - Novel means to detect significance of sequences
 - Novel technology tools