



---

# RC4: Manufacturing Management

**Leader:** Dr Chander Velu ([c.velu@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:c.velu@eng.cam.ac.uk))

**Organiser:** Maggie Harriss ([ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk))

---

**Timing:** Lent Term

**Mode of Assessment:** Coursework

## AIMS

1. To introduce a range of leading edge manufacturing management topics.
2. To introduce key literature in those topics.
3. To encourage critical review and reflection about the literature
4. To provide experience of synthesising arguments based on the literature.

## APPROACH

Approximately one week before each session you will be presented with a pack of key readings and questions to be prepared for the following week. During the session you may be asked to open the discussion on any of the questions posed and will be expected to contribute to the discussion on all questions.

Your contributions should demonstrate:

- Identification of the key issues and arguments in each paper and the ability to express them succinctly.
- Understanding of the real world implication of the arguments.
- Ability to position the arguments within a recognised body of knowledge.
- Recognition of adjacent bodies of knowledge in different disciplines.
- Critical review – particularly the limitations of the arguments and the research which would be necessary to explore the limitations.

**Attendance at all sessions is expected. If it is impossible for you to join a session (with a legitimate reason, you will be expected to deliver written responses (approximately one page per question) to the session supervisor within one week of the session taking place).**

**You must notify Maggie Harriss if you cannot attend a session.**

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be by means of a single piece of coursework to be submitted to Maggie Harriss by **4pm Monday, 24th April 2017** entitled

‘A research proposal to..... ‘

Imagine you are applying for a small research grant in an area currently outside of your domain. The piece should be a maximum of 2000 words and set out clearly the research question to be addressed, the context and rationale based on the literature and a proposed research methodology and expected outcomes.

### **Please note:**

- **The piece may NOT be based on your own research area and the supervisor should be from a different research group or centre at the IfM.**
- **You MUST contact the supervisor of the subject on which you wish to write the coursework and agree the title in advance with him/her and notify Maggie Harriss by 4pm on Friday, 17th March 2017.**

Chander Velu – October 2016

READING CLUB LENT 2017			
Leader: Chander Velu			
Organiser: Maggie Harriss			

Sessions	Date & Time	Presenter	Location
Session 1	11-1pm, Friday 13 January 2017	<i>Frank Tietze</i>	Seminar Room 3
Session 2	11-1pm, Friday 20 January 2017	<i>Chander Velu</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 3	11-1pm, Friday 27 January 2017	<i>Andy Neely</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 4	11-1pm, Friday 3 February 2017	<i>Charles Featherstone</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 5	11-1pm, Friday 10 February 2017	<i>James Moultrie</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 6	11-1pm, Friday 17 February 2017	<i>Steve Evans</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 7	11-1pm, Friday 24 February 2017	<i>Yongjiang Shi</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 8	11-1pm, Friday 3 March 2017	<i>Veronica Martinez</i>	Seminar Room 2
Session 9	11-1pm, Friday 10 March 2017	<i>Imoh Ilevbare</i>	Seminar Room 2

Coursework	Date & Time	Action
Deadline for confirming the name of your selected essay Supervisor & essay title	4pm, Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	By email to Divisional Administrator at <a href="mailto:ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk">ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk</a>
Deadline for submission of essay	4pm, Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Submit to Divisional Administrator's office or by email to <a href="mailto:ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk">ifm-admin@eng.cam.ac.uk</a>