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RESEARCH INTERESTS

accounting change, audit as an instrument of blame and other topics., international comparative

EMPLOYMENT

Full-time academic positions

2016 - Present Professor, ESSEC Business School, Singapore

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

CHRISTENSEN, M., FAHLEVI, H., INDRIANI, M. and SYUKUR, M. (2024). Deciding to be ignored: Why accounting scholars use dubious quality research outlets in a neocolonial context. *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*, 99, pp. 102740.

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Conferences

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SKAERBAEK, P. and CHRISTENSEN, M. (2012). Auditing and blame games - A field study of the purification of blame avoidance in the Danish Parliamentary system. In: 7th International Conference on Accounting, Auditing and Management in Public Sector Reforms Conference. Milan.

SKAERBAEK, P. and CHRISTENSEN, M. (2011). Auditing and blame games - A field study of the purification of blame avoidance in the Danish Parliamentary system. In: 13th Biennial Comparative Intergovernmental Accounting Research Conference. Gent.

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CHRISTENSEN, M. and SKAERBAEK, P. (2008). Where materiality isn't always considered to be material: public sector performance reporting. In: 9th Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Invitational Seminar. Tilburg.

- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2007). From cash to accrual: an organisational learning perspective on its managerial impact. In: Eleventh Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Conference. Coimbra.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2007). Contesting ideas in public sector accounting: ascendancy of accrual accounting. In: Fifth Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting Conference. Auckland.
- CHRISTENSEN, M., NEWBERRY, S. and POTTER, B.N. (2007). The role of epistemic communities in bringing widespread accounting change: developing global accounting reforms for public sector entities. In: Fifth Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting Conference. Auckland.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2006). When performance reporting might fail: SE&A reporting in NSW. In: 8th Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Workshop. Hamburg.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2006). Much ado: a case of the managerial impact of public sector accrual accounting. In: 4th EIASM International Conference on Accounting, Auditing & Management in Public Sector Reforms. Siena.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2004). An institutional insight into consultants and public sector accrual accounting. In: Fourth Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting Conference. Singapore.
- SKAERBAEK, P. and CHRISTENSEN, M. (2004). Framing and overflowing of public sector accountability innovations: transforming accountability purposes into resource-based thinking. In: Fourth Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting Conference. Singapore.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2003). Contesting ideas in public sector accounting: ascendancy of accrual accounting. In: Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Conference. Bodo.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. and YOSHIMI, H. (2003). Two drivers but one path?: international consultants and public sector accrual accounting. In: Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Conference. Bodo.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2003). Accounting for the absence of accounting: an exercise of power in the academy. In: 7th Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Accounting Conference. Madrid.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2002). Public sector accrual accounting: an early adopter's history. In: The Ninth World Congress of Accounting Historians. Melbourne.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (2001). Public sector accrual accounting: who made the Emperor's clothes? In: The Third Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting Conference. Adelaide.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. and YOSHIMI, H. (1999). A comparison of Japanese and Australian second tier government performance reporting. In: 7th Comparative International Government Accounting Conference. Tilburg.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (1998). Performance measurement developments in the Australian public sectors. In: International Management Accounting Conference II. Kuala Lumpur.
- CHRISTENSEN, M. (1998). Evaluation and public sector crisis: Japan's experience. In: Australasian International Evaluation Conference. Melbourne.
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OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Membership

2019 - 2020 Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal

2019 - 2020 Financial Accountability and Management

Ad-hoc reviewer for :

Accounting History, Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, Australian Accounting Review, Critical Perspectives on Accounting, European Accounting Review, Financial Accountability and Management, International Journal of Productivity and Performance Management, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Accounting and Organizational Change, Journal of Economic and Social Policy, Public Management Review, Public Money and Management, Qualitative Research in Accounting and Management

Organisation of a conference

2019 10th Australia-Pacific Colloquium on Qualitative Research Methods in Business and Accounting, Singapore
10th Australia-Pacific Colloquium on Qualitative Research Methods in Business and Accounting, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore

Other research activities

2019 Keynote speaker at 2nd AGC-BEST International Conference
Keynote speaker at 2nd AGC-BEST International Conference, AGC-BEST, Indonesia

2018 Keynote speaker at 15th International Conference on Business & Management
Keynote speaker at 15th International Conference on Business & Management, International Conference on Business Management, Sri Lanka