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Biography

Alan Coad became a Chartered Management Accountant when working for United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 1977. He went on to hold senior positions in financial management in both public and private sectors. He entered an academic career at Sheffield Hallam University in 1985, where he developed research interests in strategic management accounting and management control systems. He has undertaken knowledge transfer and consultancy assignments for Rolls Royce plc., Trent Regional Health Authority, Sheffield City Council and for several SMEs in the private sector. He joined the University of Birmingham in September 2001.

In his research, Alan has extensive experience of using interpretive, critical and action research methodologies. Primarily engaged in field-study work, recent projects have focused on management control systems in privatised utilities, commercial shipping and family businesses. Formerly Associate Editor of the Leadership and Organizational Development Journal, he regularly acts as reviewer for articles published in journals such as Management Accounting Research, Critical Perspectives on Accounting and British Accounting Review. He has acted as external examiner for PhD candidates at the Universities of Manchester, Durham, Kings College London and Dundee.

Alan has been a council member of the Management Control Association since 1992, and has been actively involved in organising their international conferences and workshops. He was Lead Organiser of their International Conference to be held at the University of Nyenrode in the Netherlands in September 2013. He was Head of Accounting Group of Birmingham Business School 2008-2012, and was co-ordinator of the performance management and business analysis subjects for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) 2006 -2012. He is currently Programme Director of the MSc International Accounting & Finance Programme.

Teaching

2013-2014:

Accounting for Managers (MBA); Managerial Accounting (GDBA/MBA); Advanced Management Accounting: Theories, Issues and Cases (MSc); and Qualitative Research Methods (MSc).

Previous Years:

Advanced Management Acounting (BSc Final Year); Management Accounting (MSc); Corporate Strategy (BSc Final Year); Strategic Management Accounting (MBA); Strategic Management Accounting and Marketing (CIMA); Management Accounting (ACCA).

Postgraduate supervision

I have successfully supervised to completion several PhD candidates. I am willing to consider supervision of candidates specialising in any aspect of management accounting or performance management.

Other activities

Director of MSc International Accounting & Finance Programme
Council Member of The Management Control Association
Lead organiser for the International Conference of the Management Control Association at University of Nyenrode in September 2013.

Co-ordinator of Performance Management and Business Analysis subjects for ACCA 2006 to 2012.

Head of Accounting Group, Birmingham Business School, 2008 to 2012.

Experienced External Examiner at Universities of Manchester, Dundee, Kings College London, Durham, Leeds Business School, Sheffield Business School and Birmingham City University.

Publications

Coad, A.F. and Glyptis, L.G. (forthcoming). Structuration: a position-practice perspective and an illustrative study. *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*.

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Coad, A.F., with Deitz, G. and Cullen, J. (2005). Can there be non-union forms of workplace partnership? *Employee Relations*, 27, pp. 289-306.

Coad, A.F., (2005). Strategy and Control, in Berry, A., Broadbent, J., and Otley, D., (eds.), *Management Control: Theories, Issues and Performance,* Macmillan, Basingstoke, pp. 167-191.

Recent Conference papers and presentations

Glyptis, L.G. and Coad, A.F. Family control in Greek shipping, University of the Aegean, Chios, Greece, March 2012.

Coad, A.F. and Glyptis, L.G. Accounting and Family control in Greek shipping, *Management Control Association Workshop,* University of Southampton, Feb 2012.

Glyptis, L.G. and Coad, A.F. Inter-organisational contol in networks, *Management Accounting Research Group Conference*, University of Aston, Nov 2010.

Coad, A.F. and Glyptis, L.G. Control in networks, *Eighth International Conference on Management Control*, University of Greenwich, London, Sept. 2010.

Coad, A.F. and Glyptis, L.G., Strategic cost management in practice, *Management Accounting Research Conference,* University of Aston, Nov 2009.

Coad, A.F. and Herbert, I.P., Back to the future: evolutionary theories of management accounting change, *Joint MCA/MACORG Annual Conference*, Salford, May 2008.

Coad, A.F., Harris, E., and Otley, D.T., Emerging themes in management control research, Plenary presentation at *Seventh International Conference on Management Control Systems,* European Business School, ESCAP, Paris, Sept., 2007.

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