Organizational scholars have relied on a variety of methodological approaches to address research questions, including quantitative and qualitative methods. Along with using quantitative methods in some studies and qualitative methods in other works, researchers can also use mixed methods designs combining quantitative and qualitative methods in the same study. The central premise of relying on mixed methods is that the use of quantitative and qualitative approaches in combination may provide a better understanding of phenomena and relationships than either approach alone.

Mixed methods research has developed rapidly in the last few years, emerging as a research approach with a recognized name and distinct identity. In some fields, such as education and health sciences, this methodological approach is becoming increasingly articulated and recognized as the third methodological movement (alongside qualitative and quantitative research). However, the attention devoted to mixed methods research in the organizational sciences is very low in relation to these fields. This presents organizational researchers with opportunities to better study complex phenomena, as well as challenges about how to conduct mixed methods studies. Knowledge about mixed methods research can stimulate researchers to better define and analyze innovative problems and research questions. Mixed methods can also help to advance the organizational sciences both by asking new questions and by developing stronger answers to existing and new questions.

Given this context, the purpose of this feature topic is to advance knowledge and practice regarding the design and application of mixed methods research in the organizational sciences. In particular, we seek papers that describe such advances and explain or illustrate why it is important that organizational scholars understand and embrace mixed methods research and how we can better leverage the potential of this methodological approach.

Papers that address, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following topics are most welcome:

- Philosophy of science issues related to mixed methods research.
- Explanations of how mixed methods can help to carry out context-specific research.
- Evaluations of how mixed methods can enhance organizational research by carrying out multilevel studies and bridging macro and micro inquiry.
- Guidance on how mixed methods can simultaneously examine outcomes and process issues.
• Analysis of the implications and opportunities of mixed methods to bridge the science-practice gap, emphasizing the relevance of mixed methods studies to practice.
• Development and validation of new measures using a mixed methods approach.
• Quality issues in mixed methods in organizational sciences.
• Innovative mixed methods research designs, data collection, and analysis.

We invite empirical, conceptual, methodological and literature review papers. All articles published in this feature topic must make strong contributions to improving our understanding and practice of mixed methods in organizational sciences. Papers whose primary goal is building or testing theory about substantive relationships among organizational phenomena are not good fits with this feature topic. Our hope is to attract papers that offer more than just illustrative examples of mixed methods, as well as papers that move the notion of ‘mixed methods’ beyond simply having a main method and adding a bit of another method without integration.

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In order to be considered for publication in this feature topic, a 5-7 page (double-spaced) proposal/summary should be sent by email to jf.molina@ua.es by June 30, 2014. These summaries will be used as a screen to ensure that the focus and scope of each paper is appropriate to the above aims of the feature topic. The proposal should clearly articulate the methodological contribution to mixed methods research. The Guest Editors will review summaries and authors will be contacted with invitations to submit full-length papers. Authors with accepted proposals must submit their completed manuscripts by January 15, 2015. All completed papers will undergo the standard double-blind ORM review process and must meet the standards of the ORM Editorial Policy Statement (see http://orm.sagepub.com). Manuscripts should be submitted via the ORM website (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/orm).