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Program Co-Chairs Chosen for 2012 Industry Studies Conference



Ed Anderson
University of Texas



Peter Berg
Michigan State University



Rafiq Dossani
Stanford University

The Industry Studies Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce the names of three leading scholars who have agreed to lead the 2012 Annual Conference committee. Ed Anderson (University of Texas) will chair the conference; Peter Berg (Michigan State University) will serve as co-chair in 2012 and as chair in 2013; and Rafiq Dossani (Stanford University) will serve as a co-chair for a second year. The conference will take place at the University of Pittsburgh on May 29 – June 1, 2012. The 2012 Conference will continue the ISA tradition of supporting quality research and collaboration in industry studies. The fourth annual conference follows in the wake of the successfully 2011 meeting, which brought more than 180 scholars, including close to 40 early-career scholars, to Pittsburgh to present research, meet fellow scholars, and discuss the future of Industry Studies

Ed Anderson is an Associate Professor of Operations Management at the University of Texas McCombs School of Business and senior editor of *Production and Operations Management*. He received his doctorate from MIT and his bachelor's degree from Stanford with majors in history and electrical engineering. His research interests include outsourced product development (distributed innovation) and project management, the videogame industry, national security policy, knowledge management, supply chain management, and computer simulation.

Dr. Anderson has published articles in *Management Science*, *Production and Operations Management*, and *The System Dynamics Review*. In addition to serving as senior editor of *Production and Operations Management*, he won the Wickham Skinner Early-Career Research Award from the Production and Operations Management Society. He has received research grants from the National Science Foundation, SAP, and Hewlett Packard and has consulted with companies such as Ford, Dell, Shell, and Frito-Lay. He holds three US patents from his consulting work with Ford Motor Company.

Peter Berg is an associate professor at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations at Michigan State University. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of Notre Dame. His research interests include organizational change in the United States and Germany, high performance work systems, work-life policies and practices in the U.S. and Europe, and comparative employment relations.

Dr. Berg has authored or co-authored numerous publications in leading academic journals, including articles on employee control over working time and balancing work and family in high commitment workplaces. In addition, he is co-author of the book *Manufacturing Advantage: Why High Performance Work Systems Pay Off* from Cornell/ILR University Press. He has served as an executive board member of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) and was a recent Fulbright Scholar to the University of Sydney in Australia.

Rafiq Dossani was Program co-chair for the 2011 Industry Studies Conference with Chip Hunter of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Dossani is a senior research scholar at Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center (APARC) at Stanford University, and Director of the Stanford Center for South Asia. He received his doctorate in finance from Northwestern University. He previously worked for the Robert Fleming Investment Banking group, first as CEO of its India operations and later as head of its San Francisco operations. He also served as the deputy editor of *Business India Weekly*.

Dr. Dossani's research interests include organizational, technology, security and educational reform in South Asia. He has published numerous articles in publications such as the *International Journal of Finance*, *International Journal of Technology Management*, and *World Development*. The most recent of Dr. Dossani's five books is *Does South Asia Exist?*, published in 2010 by Shorenstein APARC.

The 2012 Industry Studies Conference will be held at the University of Pittsburgh from May 29 to June 1, 2012. Please stay tuned for more information on the conference, including the call for papers, submission deadlines, theme tracks, and track chairs, all of which will be announced in the coming weeks and posted on the ISA website (www.industrystudies.org). To learn more about the 2011 Industry Studies Conference, visit <http://www.industrystudies.pitt.edu/pittsburgh11/>.