

# Meditari Accountancy Research Conference 2018

27 - 28 June 2018 (with a PhD/early-career colloquium on 26 June)

at  
**Sun City**

next to

**Pilansberg National Park, South Africa**

a malaria-free area north-west of Johannesburg, where the Big Five of the animal kingdom roam free. The conference facility is a **3 hour drive north-west of Johannesburg** International (O.R. Tambo) Airport on well-maintained roads. Further information: <http://www.pilanesbergnationalpark.org/?gclid=CKncgsqt6MUCFU2VvQodNx0AFw>

Conference theme:

## Exploring Different Accounting Research Methods and Paradigms

Meditari Accountancy Research has always been encouraging of diverse and innovative approaches to answer research questions about the relationships between accounting and different groups in society. This conference will explore different accounting research methods and paradigms used to this end.

### Plenary Speakers:

**Professor Kristy Towry**



Kristy L. Towry is Vice Dean of Faculty and Research, Goizueta Term Chair, and Professor of Accounting at Emory University's Goizueta Business School. Professor Towry joined the Goizueta Business School faculty in 2002, after receiving her Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin. She has extensive experience in managerial accounting and finance, including a number of positions at Exxon and Compaq. Professor Towry's research relates to the use of accounting information for managerial decision making, with a focus on managerial control systems and financial incentives. Her research, based on the experimental method, blends theory from economics, psychology, and other social sciences to provide insights into accounting issues. She has published in *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and other accounting and economics journals. She has been recognized with the Notable Contributions to the Management Accounting Literature Award, the Best Early Career Researcher in Management Accounting Award, the Glen McLaughlin Award for Research in Accounting Ethics, the Management Accounting Best Dissertation Award, and a number of teaching awards.

**Professor Naomi Soderstrom**



Naomi Soderstrom is Deputy Head of Department and Professor of Managerial Accounting. She joined the Department of Accounting in 2012. Naomi received her PhD in Accounting and Information Systems from Northwestern University. Her primary research areas are managerial accounting and environmental accounting. Naomi's work has appeared in *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Journal of Management Accounting Research*, *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, *Accounting Organizations and Society*, and *European Accounting Review*. She is Editor of the *Journal of Managerial Accounting Research* and on the editorial boards of several other journals. She is a member of professional organisations on three continents, as well as the academic honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma. Prior to joining the University of Melbourne, Dr. Soderstrom taught at the University of Colorado at Boulder, the University of Washington and the University of Colorado at Denver. Naomi has also been a Visiting Professor at the University of Maastricht (Maastricht, Netherlands), IE Business School (Madrid, Spain), the University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany), Indian School of Business, and the Stuttgart Institute of Management and Technology (Stuttgart, Germany).

**Professor Christine Cooper**



Christine Cooper is professor of accounting at the University of Strathclyde and editor of *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*. Her research is broadly concerned with the impact of accounting in our everyday lives. This broad interdisciplinary arena has two dominant strands. The first is concerned with the probably unanswerable question - why do we do what we do. In terms of accounting this would mean considering how accounting information or accounting's theoretical frameworks impact upon our decision making or actions. The second closely related strand is concerned with the wider economic and social impact of accounting on people's lives.

Christine has published widely on diverse topics including taxation, auditing, privatisation, gender, social impact bonds, accountability and annual reports. Her latest research is concerned with accounting's role as a technology within the neo-liberal architecture of government.

### **Conference information – philosophy and organisation:**

This conference alternates with the SAAA International Conference and is held every second year. The conference endeavours to maximise the learning and feedback opportunities for all attendees, from experienced researchers to early-career academics, **focussing specifically on getting papers ready for submission to a refereed journal and maximising a paper's chances of being accepted for publication.** At the PhD/early-career colloquium, the conference plenary speakers and other experienced researchers will provide feedback to colloquium participants. On the first day of the conference itself, several papers will be presented in a plenary session (i.e. all conference attendees together) with ample time for each paper to be presented and for discussion and suggestions for improvement. The second day of the conference will consist of presentations and discussion of papers in parallel sessions to ensure that attendees get the opportunity to present and obtain feedback on their research. The papers presented at the conference will be allowed to progress through the journal's normal review process towards publication.

### **Additional information:**

**Call for papers:** Papers addressing any interesting accountancy-related research question, using appropriate research methodologies and research paradigms, are welcomed. Innovative approaches are encouraged.

**Paper submissions:** Papers should be submitted through the journal's online submission system, by choosing "Meditari Conference", not "Regular Issue", during step 4 of the submission process. The online submission system is located at: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/medar>

**Paper submission deadline:** 31 January 2018 (only full papers will be considered)

**Feedback to authors:** 31 March 2018 (or before)

**PhD/early-career colloquium paper submission deadline:** 9 April 2018. Please email a 5 page summary (all inclusive and in 12-point font size), including three specific questions you need feedback/guidance on, to Charl de Villiers ([charl.devilliers@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:charl.devilliers@auckland.ac.nz)) between 1 and 9 April 2018. Please show "Meditari colloquium" in the subject line of the email.

**Accommodation:** Delegates will have to book their own hotel accommodation at Sun City or nearby. The conference will start at 9 am on 27 June. The dinner that evening and lunch on both days are included in the conference fee. The conference will conclude at lunch time on 28 June, allowing delegates the option of returning home that evening.

### **Journal information: Meditari Accountancy Research**

*Meditari Accountancy Research* is a double blind refereed research journal. The journal takes its name from the Latin for constantly pondering, suggesting a journey towards a better understanding of accountancy related matters through research. *Meditari Accountancy Research* publishes research in the main subject areas of accountancy, as well as research examining other questions of interest to the broader accounting community. Innovative and interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged.

*Meditari Accountancy Research* is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> out of 127 accounting journals by Scopus' CiteScore 2016 metric (<https://journalmetrics.scopus.com/>). The journal is on the British Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS, formerly ABS) journal list and the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal list, and included in several other lists, for example, the South African DHET accredited journal list. Further journal information: <http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=medar>