FIGURE 1
Theoretical content of OM articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)
FIGURE 2 Emergence of theories in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)

Contingency theory

RBV/Competence theory

Burns & Stalker (1961)
Porter (1980)
Wernerfelt (1984)

Industrial organisational theory

Goal systems theory

Bourgeois (1985)
Checkland (1981)

Property rights theory

Queuing theory

Larson (1987)

Equity theory

System theory

Adams (1963)

Social exchange

TCE theory

Social exchange

Institutional theory

Behavioral theory

Behavioiral theory

Swift

TCE theory

Resource dependency theory

Network theory

Agency theory

Control theory

Theory of constraints

Equity theory

Systems theory

Queueing theory

Goal systems theory

Game theory

Property rights theory

Industrial organisational theory

RBV/Competence theory

Contingency theory
FIGURE 3: Topics addressed in articles in POM, IJOPM and JOM (1980-2013)
Figure 4: Theories in the top 20 cited papers in each of IJOPM, POM and JOM (N=60)