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**The 26th Nordic Academy of Management Conference**  
Bringing Research Together  
**24-26 August 2022**  
Örebro University School of Business, Sweden

**Call for Papers**

We invite you to submit your research to explore the theme of “*Bringing Research Together*” for the 26<sup>th</sup> biennial NFF Conference in Örebro. We are looking forward to receiving your submissions.

**Track 11.4 – “We cannot make it alone”: Facing Our Grand Challenges Together**

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**Description:**

The transformation needed to live in a world that overcomes current challenges, such as climate change, increased economic inequality, and political polarization and populism, requires that we as academics move beyond traditional academic boundaries. We cannot make any transformation alone. We need to be curious, bold, and work together on the most urgent issues. In short, through the questions we raise, the activities we perform and the research we conduct, we need to chart new territory.

To that aim, new kinds of research collaborations have been called for. Under the label of action research, collaborative research, and engaged research, a multitude of research approaches exist that in different ways emphasize the possibilities (and pitfalls) of conducting research in cooperation between different actors and organizations. These approaches are often discussed in separate tracks and journals. In this track, we would like to explore how to collaborate beyond and between these labels for a hopeful future.

We are in particular interested in the actual practices of collaboration, based on questions such as: What does “collaboration” mean in your research? How do you actually go about and collaborate with students, other researchers, firms, non-profit organizations, in smaller settings or big-scale networks? What kind of methods do you find generative for a collaborative process to unfold?

In trying to ‘walk the talk’, a generous atmosphere will be aimed for in this track, where we invite participants to learn together, from our attempts of collaboration (that may have been successful or not). We know that in order to collaborate we need to put ourselves at risk, and take a vulnerable stance with

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a threat of losing prestige, identity, and open oneself up to learning and new experiences. We hope this will be a session where crucial questions such as these can be raised and discussed.

By way of example, we invite submissions that address:

- Innovative ways of establishing collaborations, including unconventional methods and unorthodox partners
- Ethical questions in relation to collaborative research approaches
- The role of power and asymmetries in collaborations
- From collaboration to policymaking, and collaboration with policy making agencies
- Learning from critical and emancipatory approaches
- How can collaborations make a difference to greater society?
- How to collaborate: structures, rules, and ideas
- Emphasizing the quality of collaborative research
- How to write collaboratively?
- Communicating collaborative results
- Learning from “failed” collaborations

**Keywords:**

Action Research, Collaborative Research, Engaged Research, Collaboration, Method, Collaborative Research

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**Author guidelines:**

Go to [www.oru.se/NFF2022](http://www.oru.se/NFF2022) for more information about how to submit a paper. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 January 2022. Full paper due: 20 June 2022.

***We very much look forward to welcoming you in Örebro!***

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