

SERAY ERGENE

Assistant Professor of Management
URI Coastal Institute Senior Fellow
College of Business, University of Rhode Island

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA, USA
Ph.D. in Management, 2018
Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, 2017

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
M.B.A., 2010

Lehigh University, PA, USA
B.S. Industrial Engineering, 2004
B.S. Statistics, 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sustainability; Environmental Justice and Racism; Ocean Plastics Pollution; Science and Technology Studies; Critical Management Studies; Feminist Theory

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Ergene, S., Banerjee, S. B., & Hoffman, A. J. 2021. (Un)Sustainability and Organization Studies: Towards a Radical Engagement. *Organization Studies*, 42(8): 1319-1335.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0170840620937892>.

Ergene, S., Calás, M.B., & Smircich, L. 2018. Ecologies of Sustainable Concerns: Organization Theorizing for the Anthropocene. *Gender, Work & Organization*, 25(3): 222–245.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12189>.

JOURNAL MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Ergene, S. & Calás, M.B. (Under 4th Review) Paper about Anthropocentrism. *Organization Studies*.
Received the Best Paper in Critical Business Ethics at the 81st Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 2021.

Ergene, S., Banerjee, S. B., & Ergene, E. (Under 2nd Review) Paper about Environmental Racism and Climate Justice. *Journal of Business Ethics*.

Ergene, S., Calás, M.B., & Ergene, E. (Under 2nd Review) Paper about a Process Study of Sustainability and Grand Challenges. *Journal of Management Studies*.

Ergene, S. (1st R&R) Paper about Ocean Plastics Pollution. *Journal of Management Studies*.

Foster, A., Wissman, N., Bray, L., DeBoer, J., **Ergene, S.**, Stewart, O. J., Dunham, I., (Under 1st Review) Environmental Justice and Grand Challenges. *Organization & Environment*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Calás, M.B., **Ergene, S.**, & Smircich, L. 2018. Becoming possible in the Anthropocene? *Becoming-Socialentrepreneurship* as more-than-capitalist practice. In P. Dey, & C. Steyaert (Eds). *Social entrepreneurship: An affirmative critique*: 264-293. UK: Edward Elgar. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781783474127.00027>
- Calás, M.B., Smircich, L., & **Ergene, S.** 2018. Postfeminism as new materialisms: A future unlike the present?. In P. Lewis, R. Simpson, & Y. Benschop (Eds). *Postfeminism and organization*: 197-227. New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315450933>

AOM BEST PAPER PROCEEDINGS

- Ergene, S.** & Calás, M.B. 2021. Reclaiming Sustainability through Organic Cotton Seeds. *Academy of Management Annual Meeting Best Paper Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2021.151>
- Ergene, S.** 2017. Organization theorizing for sustainability: Un-making people and nature exploitable. *Academy of Management Annual Meeting Best Paper Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2017.245>

RESEARCH GRANTS

- University of Rhode Island, Faculty Career Enhancement Grant (2020-2022) “A Social Study of Ocean Plastics in Narragansett Bay”. \$9,530 *Awarded*.
- Rhode Island Sea Grant (2020-2023) “Are Microplastics a Vector for Organic Pollutants and Disease in Marine Food Webs?”. Davies et al., \$440K *Awarded*.
- National Science Foundation (2023-2028) “RII Track-1: Ecological and Societal Impacts of Plastics in Coastal Ecosystems: Informing Mitigation Strategies and Materials Innovation”. Bothun et al., \$20M *Submitted*.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (2023-2027) “Mobile depuration technologies to reduce microplastic content in aquacultured shellfish”. Craver et al., \$2M. *Submitted*.
- Rhode Island Sea Grant (2023-2024) “More Than Recreation: Reframing coastal fishing access in Rhode Island as a food security issue for marginalized racial/ethnic communities”. Treviño et al., \$65K. *Submitted*.
- Rhode Island Sea Grant (2023-2024) “Ocean Debris INnovation-Rhode Island (ODIN-RI) research network: Building an interdisciplinary research network to understand and build regenerative and restorative solutions for marine debris”. Craver et al., \$65K. *Submitted*.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Ergene, S.**, Banerjee, S. B., & Ergene, E. 2022. Racial Capitalism and Environmental Injustice in the Anthropocene. Paper presented at the 42nd *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA.

- Ergene, S.** 2022. ‘Sustainability’: For Affirmative Possibilities. Paper presented at the 42nd *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*, Symposium ‘Negotiating Better Worlds in the ‘Anthropocene’: Critical Histories and Future Livelihoods’. Seattle, WA.
- Ergene, S., Banerjee, S. B., & Ergene, E.** 2022. Racial Capitalism and Environmental Injustice in the Anthropocene. Paper presented at the 38th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Inequality, Institutions, and Organizations. Vienna, Austria.
- Ergene, S. & Ergene, E.** 2021. Going Beyond Market-based and Critical Perspectives: A Performative Approach to Sustainability Tools and Technologies. Paper presented at the 41st *Strategic Management Society Annual Conference*. Virtual.
- Ergene, S. & Calás, M.B.** 2021. Reclaiming Sustainability through Organic Cotton Seeds. Paper presented at the 81st *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Received the Best Paper in Critical Business Ethics.
- Ergene, S.** 2021. A Process Study of Addressing Grand Challenges. Paper presented at the 81st *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
- Calás, M.B., & **Ergene, S.** 2021. For inclusivity in the Anthropocene, change the subject: Neither systems, nor levels, nor grand challenges. Paper presented at the 37th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Organization Studies in the Anthropocene: System Change, Not Climate Change. Virtual.
- Liu, K.L., Karamemis, G., & **Ergene, S.** 2021. Does Incentivizing Consumers to Collect Garments Achieve Sustainability and Increase Manufacturers’ Performance? Paper presented at the *Northeast Decision Sciences Institute 50th Annual Conference*.
- Ergene, S.** 2019. Intentional Engaging as a Process of Doing Sustainability. Paper presented at the 35th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Strategizing for Grand Challenges. Edinburg, UK. Nominated for *That's Interesting! Award*.
- Calás, M.B., & **Ergene, S.** 2019. Re-claiming “the subject” for the Anthropocene: Necessary struggles over materiality and representation in organization theory. Paper presented at the 35th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Discursive and Material Struggles over the Natural Environment. Edinburg, UK.
- Ergene, S.** 2018. Corporate Sustainability as Practice: Doing Sustainability by Intervening. Paper presented at the 78th *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL.
- Ergene, S.** 2018. Corporate Sustainability as Practice: Doing Sustainability by Intervening. Paper presented at the 10th *Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability*. Boston, MA.
- Ergene, S.** 2017. Assembling Sustainable Supply Chains. Paper presented at the 37th *Strategic Management Society Annual Conference*. Houston, TX.
- Ergene, S.** 2017. Organization Theorizing for Sustainability: Un-making People and Nature Exploitable. Paper presented at the 77th *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, GA.

- Ergene, S.,** Calás, M.B., & Smircich, L. 2017. Organizing in/for the Anthropocene: Radical Transdisciplinary Thinking. Panelist and co-organizer at the 77th *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*, Showcase Symposium. Atlanta, GA.
- Ergene, S.** 2017. Re-thinking Sustainability from Feminist Ecological Perspectives. Paper presented at the *Administrative Sciences Association of Canada*. Montréal, Canada.
- Ergene, S.** 2016. Studying ‘Materialization of Sustainability’ as an Object of Research. Paper presented at the *Unbounding Ethnography: Theory and Method Beyond the Disciplines Conference*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA.
- Ergene, S.,** Calás, M.B., & Smircich, L. 2015. Possibilities of Imagining Alternative Organizing from Postcapitalist Politics. Paper presented at the *International Conference in Critical Management Studies*, sub-theme The Ethics and Politics of Dissensus: Democracy as Alternative, Leicester, UK.
- Ergene, S.** 2014. ‘Sustainability’: For Affirmative Possibilities. Paper presented at the 74th *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*, All Academy Theme Symposium ‘Hot Words and the Politics of Language’. Philadelphia, PA.
- Ergene, S.,** Calás, M.B., & Smircich, L. 2014. Re-imagining Sustainability: Feminist Perspectives and Organizational Scholarship. Paper presented at the *Gender, Work and Organization*, 8th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference, sub-theme Gendering Environmental Sustainability: The Cultural Politics of Nature. Keele, UK.
- Calás, M.B., **Ergene, S.,** & Smircich, L. 2014. Re-imagining “Inequality” and “Diversity” as Postcapitalist Practices. Paper presented at the 30th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Reimagining Management Practices in Times of Rising Inequality along Socio-Demographic Lines. Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Ergene, S.,** Calás, M.B., & Smircich, L. 2013. Entrepreneurial Movements: Developing a Moving Theoretical Lens for Novel Modes of Organizing. Paper presented at the 29th *EGOS Colloquium*, sub-theme Processes of Organizational Creativity: Collective Entrepreneurship, Co-Creation and Collaborative Innovation. Montréal, Canada.

JUNIOR FACULTY & DOCTORAL CONSORTIUMS ATTENDED

- AOM Organizations and the Natural Environment Division, 2017, 2019, 2020
AOM Critical Management Studies Division, 2015, 2020
AOM Strategy-as-Practice Interest Group, Atlanta, GA, 2017, 2019, 2020
Ivey PhD Sustainability Academy, London, Ontario, 2017
Saint Mary’s University, International Doctoral Consortium, Halifax, Canada, 2016

INVITED TALKS AND OTHER CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Professional Development Workshop – Keynote Presenter*, Beyond-Human Methodologies in Management Research. Presented at the 82nd *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Seattle, WA. 2022.

Research Talk – Presenter, (Un)Sustainability and Organization Studies: Towards a Radical Engagement, hosted by Umeå University, Sweden, 2022.

Sub-Plenary – Presenter, Irresponsibility + Unsustainability = Extinction. Can it be avoided?. Presented at the 37th *EGOS Colloquium*, Virtual, 2021.

Professional Development Workshop – Moderator, From “Scientific Activist” to “Activist Scientist”. Presented at the 81st *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Virtual, 2021.

Professional Development Workshop – Presenter, International Early Academic Careers: How to stand out in the virtual job market? Presented at the 81st *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Virtual, 2021.

Professional Development Workshop – Presenter, Building a Research Agenda and Community for the Anthropocene Epoch. 80th *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Virtual, 2020.

Professional Development Workshop – Presenter, Socialism in Management Thought and Practice: Past, Present, Future. 79th *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Boston, 2019.

Research Retreat – Panelist, Plastics: An Interdisciplinary Research Challenge. *Plastics: Land to Sea*, URI Alton Jones Camp, 2019.

ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

Editorial Board Member – Invited to be on the editorial board of the journal *Organization*, 2022.

Early Career Program – Organizer, Coordinating early career program of *Strategizing Activities and Practices* interest group at the 79th, 80th and 81st *Annual Meetings of the Academy of Management*, 2019 – 2021.

Research Track Convener – Organizer, Hosting a research track at the *Gender, Work, & Organization* conference, 2021.

Virtual Café Americas – Organizer, Hosting a community session for scholars in the Americas region for *Strategizing Activities and Practices* interest group at the 80th *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, 2020.

Professional Development Workshop – Organizer, Researcher’s Guide to the Anthropocene: Learning from Foundations of ONE. 78th *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Chicago, 2018.

Professional Development Workshop – Organizer, After Climate Denying? Possibilities for/in the Anthropocene. 77th *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management*, Atlanta, 2017.

Reviewer, Ad-hoc reviewer for the journals of *Organization Studies*, *Journal of Management Studies*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Business & Society*. Also review for Academy of

Management conference: *Critical Management Studies, Organizations and the Natural Environment*, and *Strategizing Activities and Practices* divisions.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Paper in Critical Business Ethics – Academy of Management Annual Meeting, CMS Division, 2021

Thomas Chisholm Undergraduate Teaching Award – URI College of Business, 2021

Best Student Paper Award – Academy of Management Annual Meeting, SAP Group, 2018

Best Student Paper Award – Academy of Management Annual Meeting, CMS Division, 2017

Best Student Paper Award – Annual Meeting of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada, Social Responsibility Division, 2017

Stanley Young Memorial Fellowship (\$8,000) – Dept. of Management, UMass Amherst, 2018

Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$4,000) – Graduate School, UMass Amherst, 2017

Dissertation Research Grant (\$1,000) – Graduate School, UMass Amherst, 2017

Graduate Scholarship for PhD. Studies – University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2012 – 2017

Merit Scholarship for MBA – Bilkent University, 2009 – 2010

Alpha Pi Mu – Industrial Engineering Honor Society, 2004

Phi Beta Delta – Honor Society for International Scholars, 2003

NSCS – The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2001

MEDIA APPARENCES

Live Interview – Ocean Plastics and Textile Sustainability hosted by URI Alumni Foundation, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmT5YGcT9Xg>

Interview – MBA/OCG 539 Hacking for Oceans course. Interviewed by various sources:

URI Front page: <https://www.uri.edu/features/how-were-hacking4oceans/>

URI News: <https://www.uri.edu/news/2022/04/new-hacking-4oceans-course-gives-students-real-world-experience/>

The Good 5 Cent Cigar: <https://rhodycigar.com/2022/04/21/ocean-science-business-hybrid-class-prepares-for-2023-school-year/>

Interview – Impact Scholar Community hosted by the Academy of Management Organization and the Natural Environment (ONE) division, 2021.

<https://www.impactscholarcommunity.com/post/seray-ergene-university-of-rhode-island-assistant-professor>

Video – Best Paper in Critical Business Ethics award video hosted by the Academy of Management Critical Management Studies (CMS) division.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNI9xth2ZhU>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, College of Business, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, 2018-present

- Teaching ‘Hacking for Environment: Oceans’ course to interdisciplinary graduate-level students. This course is being developed and offered for the first time in the Fall 2021.
 - Fall 2021, Spring 2023
- Teaching ‘Strategic Management’ capstone course to senior-level business majors
 - Fall 2018 – Spring 2023
- Completed Online Pedagogy course offered by URI ATL, February 2021
- Honors Project Faculty Sponsor for the project titled ‘Tackling Ocean Plastics’, Spring 2020
- Directed Study, Undergraduate and Graduate levels, Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Summer 2022
- Dissertation and Thesis committee member, D.B.A. and M.S. students, 2020-2023

Instructor, Isenberg School of Management, UMass, Amherst, MA, 2014-2018

- Teaching ‘Social Entrepreneurship’, ‘Business Policy and Strategy’ and ‘Organizational Behavior’ courses to junior and senior management students
 - Fall 2017, Spring 2018- Social Entrepreneurship
 - Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017- Business Policy and Strategy
 - Fall 2014, Spring 2015- Organization Behavior

Instructor, Faculty of Business Administration, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2011-2012

- Taught ‘Marketing Principles’ course to senior year Graphic Design, Communication and Design, Engineering, and Economics department students
 - Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Internal Advisory Committee. Board member for the new initiative, “Plastics: Land to Sea COLAB”, formed under the Office of Research and Economic Development. Help support the cultivation of collaborations with policymakers, industry, non-profits, academics, and others, 2021-2022.

Metcalf Institute Business Plan. Assisted the directors of Metcalf Institute to create a business plan for streamlining their old and new programs, 2021.

Provost’s URI 101 Task Force. Helped prepare task force recommendations for re-designing the first-year student experience at URI, 2019.

Search Committee Member. Evaluate about a hundred candidates for two tenure-track Strategic Management positions at the College of Business, 2019-2020.

Research and Doctoral Committee. Help promote research culture at the College of Business, 2018-2020.

- Organized grants workshops and speaker events in 2019.
- Co-initiated ‘Sustainability Research Group’ and organized three college-wide meetings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Finance Analyst, Project & Structured Finance Dept., Garanti Bank, Istanbul, Turkey, 2007-2008

- Developing project finance modeling for infrastructure projects such as energy plants, ports, airports and bridges, and preparing project reports for top management decision-making

Segmentation Analyst, Customer Relationship Management and Marketing Dept., Garanti Bank, Istanbul, Turkey, 2005-2006

- Preparing and reporting quarterly segmentation data to top management, coordinating relations between data warehouse and the bank, and maintaining the accuracy of segmentation computer model