

Social, Economic and Academic Leadership: Some Remarks

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Abstract Leadership, either social, economic, or academic, is distinguished by the multi-dimensional facet. The whole idea is to pursue innovative and novel ideas, search for extraordinary approaches, as well as not being afraid to face the difficulties. In addition, in every field of science, business, or social life one can find leaders, leading solutions, leading concepts, or leading ideas that are capable of inspiring the masses.

This paper represents a short set of opening remarks envisaged for the Proceedings from the 5th International Conference on Social, economic, and academic leadership (ICSEALV 2019) that was organized by our Prague Institute for Qualification Enhancement in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 27th-28th of September 2019 and brought together professors, researchers, as well as graduate students.

1 Introduction

Leadership is an interesting and almost bottomless source of inspiration. I am absolutely sure of that now after I organised at least four international conferences on the topics associated with leadership and revised and checked more than two hundred and fifty papers on the various aspects of leadership. In addition, after dealing with leadership for such a long time, one can find leadership practically everywhere.

If one had to describe the Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Social, economic, and academic leadership (ICSEALV 2019) in just one short sentence, the best way to do so would surely be something like: *"You are holding a book of proceedings that describes leadership from multiple unexpected angles yet presents it in exactly the same way you have expected it to be"*.

These Proceedings originated from the materials of the international conference that took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 27th-28th of September 2019 (see PRIZK 2019). The ICSBAL 2019 conference was envisaged as the next conference in the line of successive events following the 1st International Conference "Social, economic, and academic leadership for the future sustainable development of business and education" held in Prague during from 12th to 15th of September 2017 (see Strielkowski and Chigisheva 2018). Subsequent events and conferences on the same topic held in 2018 and 2019 also resulted in very timely publications by Atlantis Press (see e.g. Strielkowski 2018; Strielkowski 2019a; or Strielkowski 2019b).

It is my pleasure to state that the 5th International Conference on Social, economic, and academic leadership once again succeeded in bringing together academics and stakeholders from the fields of business, economics, education, social sciences, engineering, as well as international relations. Together, we managed to create an interesting volume of proceedings that would present some interesting insights for everyone at least a little bit interested in this topic.

2 Structure and tracks

The 5th International Conference on Social, economic, and academic leadership (ICSEALV 2019) organized in Prague by the Prague Institute for Qualification Enhancement in September 2019 featured a several keynote addresses, presentations, videos and poster presentations that helped us to induce interesting discussions.

The papers submitted for this conference were peer-reviewed, checked for compiling with rigorous academic and ethical standards, as well as scrutinised with great precision and care. In total, 38 excellent papers were selected to be published in a form of online proceedings with Atlantis Press. The selected papers represent quite a number of fields. However, all of them have one common topic - leadership in its social, economic and academic forms.

All the papers were collected and clustered into the six main Conference tracks covering similar thematic areas which allowed the organizers to present the contributions in a well-structured way. The ultimate structure of the Proceedings from the ICSEALV 2019 Conference can be presented in a form of six main tracks, namely:

- Leadership in social life and popular culture
- Leadership in economics and business

- Leadership in academia and education
- Leadership and renewable and sustainable energy
- Digital leadership
- Leadership in international relations and political sciences

Apart from all the above, it was really a pleasure for the conference organisers to host a mix of outstanding multidisciplinary papers co-authored by the groups of up to three researchers. This fact increases the relevance and the interdisciplinary nature of our Proceedings.

3 Conclusions and remarks

Overall, it becomes apparent that the Proceedings originating from the 5th International Conference on Social, economic, and academic leadership (ICSEALV 2019) succeeded in producing interesting and timely research from a plethora of academic backgrounds bind together by the common topic of leadership.

Our Proceedings are available online and are open access. Thence, their coverage is enormous, and their spread is virtually unlimited. Using the power of Internet, these Proceedings can be transferred, downloaded, shared, and cited in all corners of the world. Due to some interesting and novel information it contains, they might be relevant for researchers, policy makers, stakeholders, or academics of all kinds. We greatly encourage everyone to download, read, use and cite these Proceedings. Moreover, we would be very happy to see these Proceedings being used in teaching, schooling, as a point of reference, or a source of inspiration for anyone interested in leadership in all its forms.

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