The three papers of this second Issue of 2017 examine factors that affect the performance and strategic gains of companies.

The first paper is entitled “Empirical Study on Transformational Leadership, Deviant Behaviour, Job Performance, and Gender: Evidence from a Study in Bangladesh”, by Md. Aftab Uddin, Md. Sahidur Rahman, and Mohammad Harisur Rahman Howla. It reveals that there is a negative relationship between transformational leadership and deviant behaviour, while a positive association exists between transformational leadership and job performance, with a negative correlation between deviant workplace behaviour and job performance. The gender analysis shows that transformational leadership, deviant behaviour, and job performance were not significantly distinct between genders.

The second paper, entitled “Implementation of Lean Manufacturing in Multinational Companies with Production Subsidiaries in Brazil: A Roadmap”, is by Lara Göhner, Luiz Carlos Brasil de Brito Mello, and Renata Albergaria de Mello Bandeira. It proposes a comprehensive implementation roadmap, to enable multinationals to achieve an advanced sustainable Lean Manufacturing system in a practical manner, based on a systematic approach.

The third and last paper, on “Integrating Business-to-Business Customers in Original Equipment Manufacturers’ Supply Chains through Information Systems Integration”, is by Rajesh Sethi, Somendra Pant, and Anju Sethi. It develops a framework that identifies different levels of integration of business customers’ information systems with those of the OEM’s supply chain. It discusses how this integration affects market performance and strategic gains and also identifies how a variety of contextual factors moderate the effectiveness of customers’ systems integration in supply chains.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading this issue.

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