

## Special Session EurOMA 2020: Saving Lives with Lean

Much has been debated regarding the effect of lean on the bottom line of an organization's income statement, yet the effect of lean thinking and practice on environmental and social bottom lines has received much less attention. In this interactive panel discussion, thought-leading experts offer key insights into how lean can be, should be and is in some cases already being used to save lives and to make the World a better place.

Leading the session is Dr. Daryl Powell, Research Manager at SINTEF Manufacturing in Norway and Shingo Research Award-winning co-editor of *The Routledge Companion to Lean Management* and co-author of *The Lean Sensei*. Powell's most recent research suggests that lean is more about discovery and learning than the implementation of best practices.

The gender-diverse panel of scholars and practitioners from diverse geographical regions consists of:

- Dr. Nicola Burgess, Reader (Associate Professor) at Warwick Business School and recognized thought leader within lean and continuous improvement in the health sector, particularly the National Health Service (NHS)
- Dr. Manoj Dora, Reader in Operations & Supply Chain Management at Brunel University London and thought leader on lean food supply chains
- Lysann Seifert, Research Assistant and PhD Candidate at ETH Zurich and expert in lean and innovation in refugee camps
- Rose Heathcote, CEO of Thinking People, previous CEO of Lean Institute Africa, author of *Making a Difference* and *Clear Direction*, and recognized expert in the development of human capacity to solve problems that matter.

The panel discussion will offer high-level learning experience for the participants by presenting a critical outlook on how lean thinking and practice can be used to address specific United Nations (UNs) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provides us with a core set of conditions for discovering interesting and challenging learning projects to make the World a better place.

This panel discussion addresses an emerging need to challenge the way we think about lean, by further adopting it as a means of contributing towards a more sustainable future. It brings together academic scholars and practitioners at the intersection of Humanitarian Operations and Lean Management to provide a platform for cross-fertilization of knowledge in learning and improvement, in the context of the SDGs.

