



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special Issue of *Leadership*: Leadership As An Art

Submission Deadline 2 March 2009

What would the consequences be of taking the idea of 'leadership as an art' seriously? That is to say, what happens if we move beyond an idea of 'leadership as an art' meaning simply that leadership isn't an exact science? What happens if we apply the same sensibilities, or similar aesthetic judgements to leading that we do to fine art, dance, or theatre? What would the implications be for leadership research and theory, as well as for leadership development and practice? We invite papers which explore this territory for a Special Issue of *Leadership* to be published in August 2010.

We imagine the range of concerns papers might address could include:

- What might constitute the 'aesthetics of leadership', either from a theoretical or practical perspective?
- What happens if we invest leadership with insights or practices from artistic forms such as dance, theatre, mime, music, collage, fiction writing, or other art forms?
- How do depictions of leaders within art forms (such as *King Lear*, or characters from Joseph Conrad's novels) inform leadership theory and practice?
- What do images of leaders as depicted by portraiture contribute to our understanding of leading and leadership?
- How might aesthetic categories be applied to leadership - what is beautiful leadership, what is sublime leadership, what is grotesque leadership, and so on?
- What are the implications for conducting research into leadership if it is seriously considered to be an art form?

We also look forward to being surprised by submissions that take the idea of leadership as an art in directions that we had not imagined.

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