RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY: FROM GREEN SUPPLY CHAIN TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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What and how would it be an environmentally-friendly supply chain?
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Have organisations considered ‘sustainability’ within their operations’ decisions?

FIGURE 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Ninety percent of respondents see sustainability as important, but only 25% have developed a positive business case.

Source: MIT, 2017
Research topics on GSCM over Time

- Definition and Practices of GSCM
- Barriers, Motivations, and Pressures on GSCM
- Multiples research methodologies and geographical contexts
- Performance x GSCM
- Use of organisational theories to understand antecedents, mediators, and results
- Integrative analysis between GSCM and other practice / philosophy

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Future Research Opportunities within GSCM Theme

- Suppliers evaluation beyond the second tiers
- Implications of ISO 20400:2017 (Sustainable procurement) for green purchasing practices (e.g. selection, evaluation, relationships with supplier)
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- Use of digital technologies to engage customers in reverse logistics initiatives (e.g. recovery of post-consumption products)
- Opportunities and challenges of smart products to enable closed-loop supply chains (e.g. product passport – The EU)
- Applications of digital technologies to engage consumers in eco-design (e.g. monitoring of consumption profile - IoT)
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✓ Analysis of the implications, barriers and motivations of new business models created by the circular economy (e.g. focus on services instead of producing mainly products, rental vs sale of products, data sharing, digital security)

✓ Use of digital technologies to adopt circular economy initiatives (e.g. prolonged maintenance, replacement of components by using sensors, online connection between supply and demand)
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