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**Manufacturing Practice in China: Strategy, Tactics, and Technology**

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## **Introduction**

Over the past decade, there has been increasing interest in manufacturing practice in China as China emerges as the world's number one leader in manufacturing operations and number two economic power. China has been among the most significant manufacturing practice globally overall since the launching of China's economic reform in late 1970s.

So far not much of the extant literature covers the broader or focused issues of manufacturing practice in China that has occurred since 1980s that has been enabled by the economic reform led by China's paramount leader Deng Xiao Ping. In particular, relevant production research literature is relatively scant. There is a dire need to provide technological, managerial, and policy explanations that underlie the success of China's manufacturing practice which will provide important guidance pertaining the challenges as well as opportunities facing manufacturing practice in other countries including emerging economies.

Our goal is to foster the development of a coherent, cumulative body of knowledge regarding China's manufacturing practice, focusing on the interface between engineering and management. Toward this end, we invite manuscripts that are of strategic importance to understanding manufacturing operations in China that will stimulate future research. We seek high-quality research that contributes to existing literature. Manuscripts will be judged on the relative merits of their contribution to the research literature within the scope of *IJPE*, the depth and completeness of thought and ideas that are presented, the integration of the research with the other related literature and theory, the quality of the research design and model, the support for the stated contributions, and the clarity and writing quality. We strive for papers that answer, "What are the fundamental steps for China's success in manufacturing as China's manufacturing sector has been growing at a much faster clip than in the US?"

Suitable topics for this special issue include but are not limited to:

- How does China's economic reform and the policy of optimizing manufacturing growth change China's role in world manufacturing?
- How does technological innovation and institutional reform contribute to China's manufacturing practice?
- How do Chinese manufacturing strategy, policy formulation and evaluation contribute to China's manufacturing practice?
- Important, new or emerging trends in China's manufacturing practice
- Key manufacturing research domains where China is a leading nation
- Important new Chinese centers of excellence/institutes
- Characteristics that distinguish Chinese manufacturing/production research including collaboration approaches for design, development, and manufacturing, product strategies, quality management, compliance strategies, logistics outsourcing and partnerships, manufacturing supply chains, alignment of competitive environments, capabilities, and manufacturing strategies, and governance structures and corporate social responsibility in manufacturing.

### **Manuscript Preparation and Submission**

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