# Integrating Social Media and Business Process Improvement Value Propositions and opportunities for Corporates

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# Plan



# Introduction : BPM, BPI & Social Media



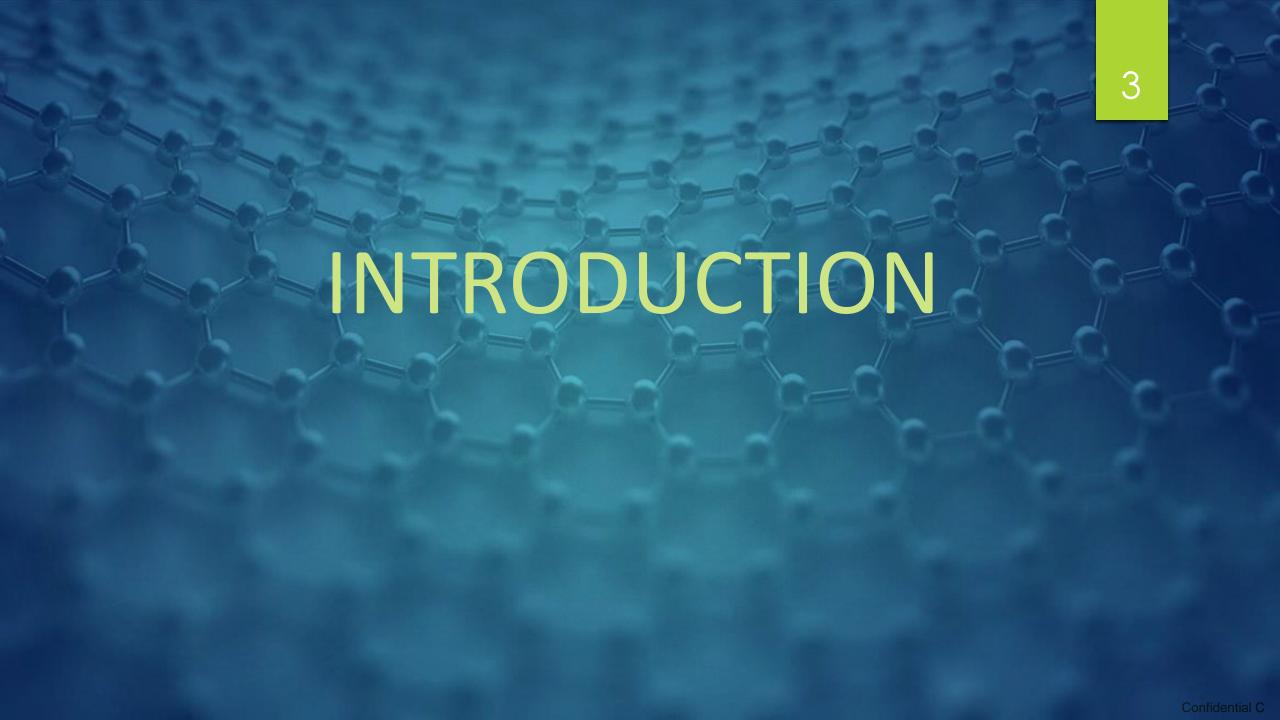
**Literature Review** 



Framework and Methodology



Results



# Business Process Management (BPM):

The discipline in which people use various methods to discover, model, analyze, measure, improve, optimize and automate business processes. It provides organizations with a means of increasing competitiveness and sustainability in times of market uncertainty.

"BPM as a solution for a business using software systems or technology to automate and manage processes"

"BPM as a broader approach to managing and improving processes that focus on the process lifecycle"

"BPM as an approach to manage an organisation by taking a processview"

# Business Process Implementation (BPI):

A practice in which enterprise leaders analyze their business processes to identify areas where they can improve accuracy, effectiveness and efficiency and then make changes within the processes to realize these improvements to achieve higher quality at reduced cost and cycle time.

### Keys issues:

- Modeling problem: Lack of knowledge of the BP by individuals (administration sector).
- Lack of methodology: data collection methods that fail to integrate information and knowledge from all stakeholders in the process.
- Lack of information and knowledge exchange due to insufficient collaboration

# Social Media (SM):

A refers to a group of Internet based applications that allow the creation and exchange of user-generated content. (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010)

### BPI & SM:

Organizations from all sectors are more and more deploying their business process on the web,

They aim to better reaching their customers, employees and stakeholders and reducing their total cost



Searchers see the social extension of a business process as an optimization process.

Optimization goals which constitute the motivation of the process socialization effort:

Exploitation of weak ties and implicit knowledge

**Transparency** 

**Decision** distribution

**Participation** 

**Activity distribution** 

**Social feedback** 

**Knowledge sharing** 

Exploitation of weak ties and implicit knowledge

**Transparency** 

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Improve activity by exploiting informal knowledge and relationships

Make the decision procedure more visible to stakeholders

**Participation** 

**Activity** distribution

Raise the awarness or the acceptance of the process outcome.

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Assign an activity to a broader set of performers or to find appropriate contributors for its execution

**Decision** distribution

**Social feedback** 

**Knowledge sharing** 

Eliciting opinions that contribute to taking a decision

Acquiring feedback from broader set of stakeholders for process improvement

**07** Disseminating knowledge to improve task execution

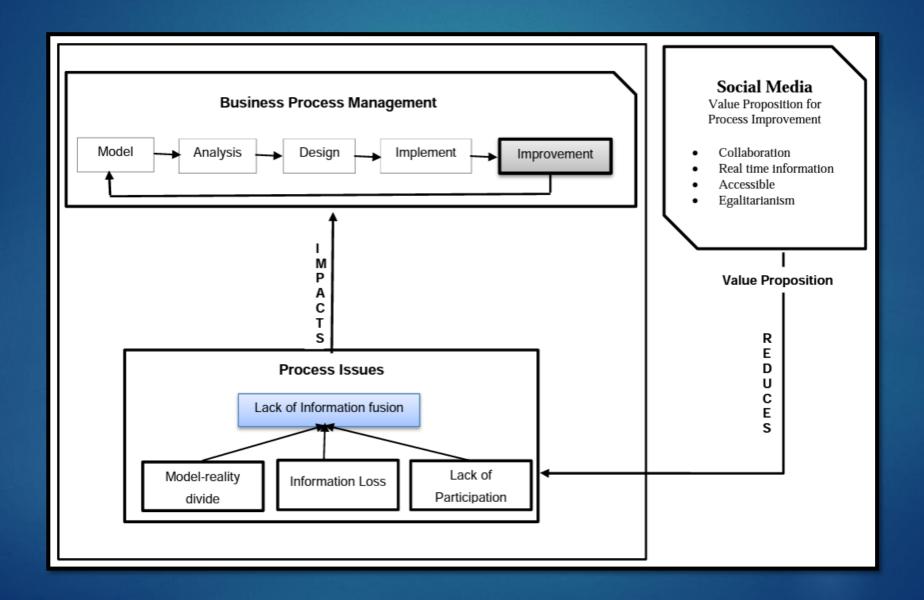
The integration of BPI and social media will help transforming organisations from a closed to a collaborative and participative community system.

### knowing that

There is no literature or research that shows the value propositions benefits of integrating BPI and SM, it is apparent that there is a gap in the research area of BPI and SM. This study aims to better understand the challenges in BPI and how the combination with SM can benefit organizations.

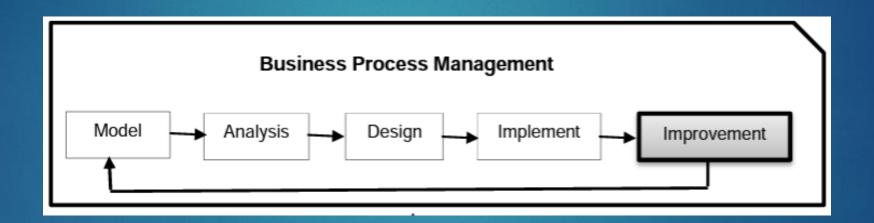
# PROBLEM FRAMING AND METHODOLOGY

# Problem Framing:



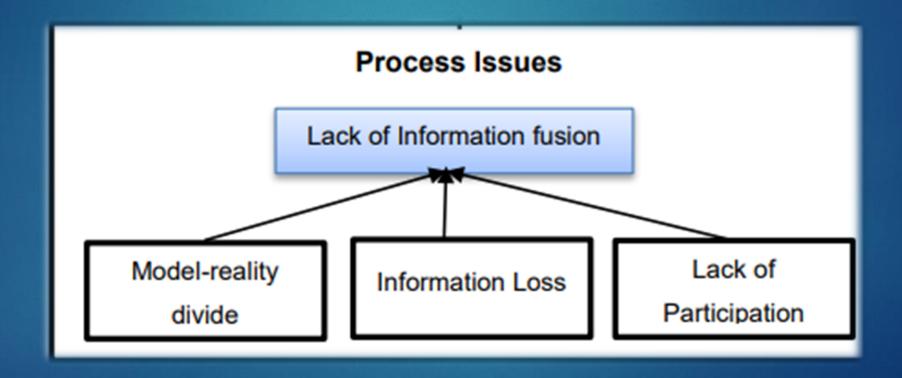
# Business Process Lifecycle

The preliminary step of BPI is "understanding the business needs", which includes understanding the vision of BPI and its strategic objectives.



## Process Issues

Business Process is impacted by several process issues:



# Social Media Features

SM provides a set of featues that can be used in the BPI and represent a large of possibilities:

### Social Media

Value Proposition for Process Improvement

- Collaboration
- Real time information
- Accessible
- Egalitarianism

### Collaboration

- Allows users to connect with people they might not otherwise meet
- Contribute to an increased level of productivity among the group

### **Real-time information**

- Augmented continuously
- Immediately visible

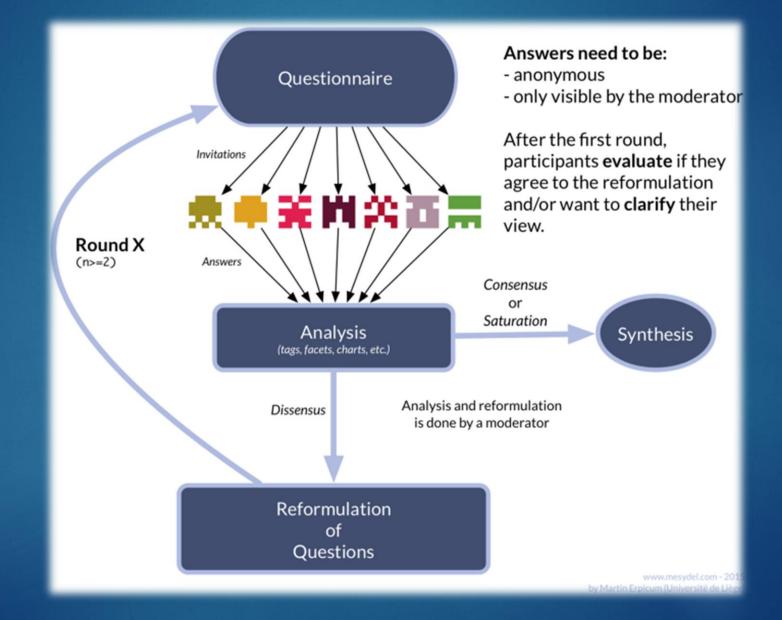
### **Accessible**

 Provides an accessible format for communicating in real time

### **Egalitarianism:**

- Abolishing hierarchical structures
- Merging the roles of contributors and consumers
- Introducing a culture of trust
- Getting the best solution by fusing a high number of contribution

# Methodology



# Methodology to test the framework

| Social Media   | Business Process Improvment  |
|--|--|
| What are the advantages of using social media to facilitate collaboration with customers/stakeholders (list between 4-5 advantages)? | List 4-5 factors that contribute to the lack of stakeholder's involvement throughout the process improvement life-cycle?   |
| List 4-5 the key features/attributes of social media that may increase information sharing?  | List 4-5 ways in which stakeholder needs/requirements are captured during the process improvement life-cycle?  |
| What factors would influence the adoption of social media in business process improvement (list between 4-5 factors)?                | List 4-5 factors on how stakeholders can maintain requirements for continuous process improvement (i.e. a mechanism that allows stakeholders to keep adding or amending their requirements)? |
|  | List 3-4 problems that are experienced post business process deployment?   |
|  | List 3-4 reasons why less time is spent on process analysis and design in comparison to implementation?  |



# Business Process Improvement

### **Lack of Stakeholder Involvement**

| Rank | Factors  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Lack of communication                                  |
| 1    | Stakeholders incorrectly identified                    |
| 2    | Lack of understanding                                  |
| 3    | Restrictive change process                             |
| 3    | Requirements pass-on threshold                         |
| 4    | Insufficient communication                             |
| 5    | Insufficient leadership or support                     |
| 6    | Inability of departments to understand flow on effects |

### **Process Requirements Capture Approaches**

| Rank | Factors                          |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | Workshops                        |
| 1    | Process Maps                     |
| 2    | Process documentation interviews |
| 3    | Observation (real-time)          |
| 4    | Issue Logs                       |
| 5    | Online Surveys                   |

# Business Process Improvement

### **Post Process Deployment Issues**

| Rank | Factors  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Lack of communication                                |
| 2    | Insufficient training                                |
| 3    | Lack of meeting customer requirements and experience |
| 4    | Model-reality divide                                 |
| 5    | Roles not revised                                    |
| 6    | Staff support  |

### Reasons for less time spent on process analysis and design

| Rank | Factors  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Assumed future state understanding                     |
| 1    | Technology centric                                     |
| 2    | Aggressive time-lines                                  |
| 3    | Lack of budget   |
| 4    | Operational focus                                      |
| 5    | Inability of departments to understand flow on effects |

# Business Process Improvement

### **Collaboration Tools**

| Rank | Factors   |
|------|---|
| 1    | Workflow tools  |
| 2    | Centralised documentation repository                          |
| 3    | Collaboration tools (Blogs, Twitter, Google Blogger Facebook) |
| 4    | Customer satisfaction surveys                                 |
| 5    | Research  |

# Social Media

**Advantages of Social Media** 

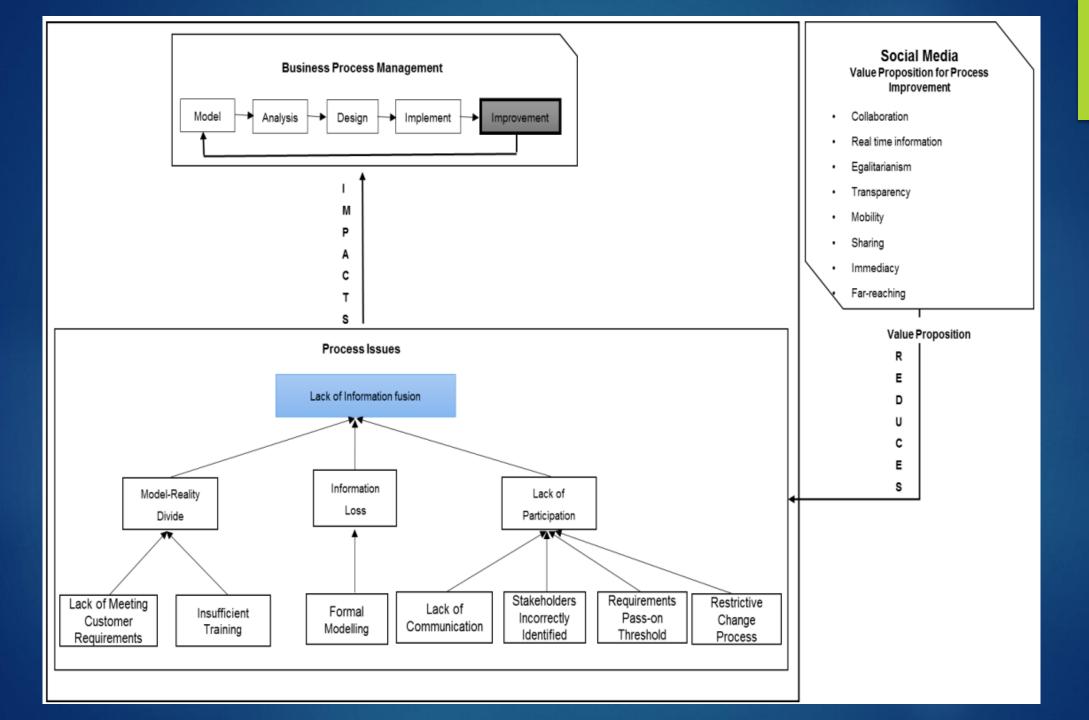
| Rank | Factors                        |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | Communication channel          |
| 2    | Real time information          |
| 3    | Egalitarianism                 |
| 4    | Transparency                   |
| 5    | Accessibility                  |
| 6    | User created content           |
| 7    | Knowledge exchange and storage |

### **Features of Social Media**

| Rank | Factors                 |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1    | Mobility                |
| 1    | Sharing                 |
| 2    | Far-reaching            |
| 2    | Immediacy               |
| 3    | Increased Participation |

### Factors that influence the adoption of SM in BPI

| Rank | Factors  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Increased participation (wider stakeholder group involved) |
| 2    | Sharing  |
| 2    | Information pass-on  |
| 3    | Increased innovation                                       |
| 4    | Confidentiality and information protection                 |





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# Conclusion:

- SM has the potential to foster better collaboration and process knowledge by:
  - improving the exchange of information
  - including a wider stakeholder group.
- The benefit of integrating SM with BPI is an approach that allows for inputs of voices from inside and outside of the organization into the process improvement lifecycle.
- SM assure a Continuous Improvement of Business Process that allows organizations to establish a solid competitive advantage by :
  - Reducing cost
  - Improving quality
  - Improving service
  - Increasing revenue
  - Adapt to changing requirements



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