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**A PARADOX MINDSET**

by

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***Abstract / Synopsis***

Competing tensions and demands pervade our work lives, and accumulating research examines organizational and leadership approaches to leveraging these tensions. But what about individuals within firms? Although early paradox theory built upon micro-level insights from psychology and philosophy to understand the nature and management of varied competing demands, corresponding empirical studies are rare, offering scarce insights into why some individuals thrive with tensions while others struggle. I present a set of studies that highlights the role of paradox mindset, which is the extent to which one is accepting of and comfortable with tensions. I demonstrate the impact of paradox mindset on creativity, performance and innovation, as well as new insights on why based on a neuroscientific study. My results highlights paradox mindset as a key to unlocking the potential of everyday tensions.

***About the Speaker***

Josh Keller is an Associate Professor of Organizational Behavior at University of New South Wales and a Fellow at the Australian Graduate School of Management. He also holds an Associate Professor position at Nanyang Business School in Singapore. Josh's primary research interest is studying how managers think about paradoxes (cooperation and competition, exploration and exploitation and authenticity and legitimacy). He examines cross-cultural differences, the role of the industry environment, and individual differences. He also is looking at the neurological foundation of paradox. Josh received his PhD in Management at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also received his MBA. Before receiving his MBA, he was a manager at three international ventures, including a joint venture between China Unicom and RH Donnelley in the publishing of directories and two Internet startups. Josh has published in top management journals, including Academy of Management Journal, Organization Science, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, Journal of Business Ethics, and Management and Organizational Review.

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