Call for papers: Special Issue of Production and Operations Management on "New Supply Chain in Times of Turbulence"

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Motivation and Background

In recent years, many supply chains operate in a business environment with severe turbulence caused by trade war, geopolitical conflict, climate change, and economic instability. Because of the trade war, countries impose prohibitively high tariffs on goods imported from each other. Critical materials (e.g., rare earth elements) and components (e.g., advanced chips) are banned from trading. Changes in these trade policies occur frequently as a result of negotiation. They are highly unpredictable and cripple supply chains. Conflicts in trade regions disrupt operations, with consequences that ripple across the whole supply chain. Climate change results in more natural disasters by increasing the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, typhoons, and floods, which cause sudden and severe disruption to supply chains. Economic instability due to trade war, geopolitical conflict, and government policy changes leads to higher risks (e.g., demand, cost, and supplier default) faced by supply chains.

To mitigate the damaging effects of supply chain turbulence, global companies have responded by reshaping their supply chain strategies, such as diversifying their supply base, reconfiguring their supply chain structure, or adopting digital technologies. This raises urgent questions about what supply chain strategies should be deployed, and how they depend on the causes of turbulence as well as the characteristics of the business environment.

Possible Topics

The following are some important issues faced by global companies in light of supply chain turbulence:

- Supply chain capability: What are the critical capabilities (e.g., resilience, adaptability) that enable a supply chain to survive and be successful? How can these capabilities be built?
- Supply diversification: How should a supply chain diversify its supply base? For instance, some global companies that have predominately focused on sourcing from China are moving to "China plus One" or "China plus N" strategies.
- Supply chain configuration: Should a global supply chain be reconfigured to become more regionalized in order to lessen the friction caused by tariffs? If so, how?
- Trade financing: How could a supply chain leverage trade financing to support the implementation of its new strategy?

- Technology: How could a supply chain utilize digital technologies (e.g., blockchain, AI, stablecoin) to reduce trade friction and improve its capability?

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