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During the Early Renaissance, European culture began to change through a dynamic knowledge-acquisition process -- the key lay in the imagination being put to work in the very process of knowledge acquisition. Artistic techniques in anatomical drawing, spatial representation, empirical observation, chemistry and materials development, were bound up with a renewed interest in mathematics, geometry, and physics and a broader investigation of both material and human nature. Renaissance art was the alliance of the scientific mind and artistic creativity – together forging tools with which to investigate our environment, both offering knowledge of 'reality'.

This EURAM '09 track invites papers that explore the Renaissance mind in *contemporary* management and organizational life. It calls for an exploration of knowledge-acquisition, where expressive subjectivity and scientific objectivity find a dynamic alliance. The Renaissance was the re-birth of an ancient semantic, where theory or scientific rationality (the 'thesis') has not been severed from subjective experience (the 'aes'......). The editors of the new journal *Aesthesis* thus invite any form of exploration of the following:

- Art as a research tool in organizational contexts
- Art as a knowledge-acquisition process
- The 'artistic' use of scientific knowledge in management and organizational life
- Art as a means of revealing the aesthetic knowledge and dynamics of organizations
- The uses of artistic activity in transforming an organization's knowledge of itself

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