Preface

The two previous books in the series where I have acknowledged and tried to develop a certain research approach for testing the relevance of certain management ideas and panaceas (the learning organization, Örtenblad 2013, and knowledge management, Örtenblad 2014) for organizations in certain generalized contexts involved both physical and mental traveling for me. Even if the idea for this book came up and the work with it were actually initiated while I was still working in China, this book has not really involved much physical movement; I have, kind of, literally remained at one place (or two actually: Stockholm, Sweden, and Bodø, Norway) when getting the book together. Nevertheless, the work on this book has involved an intellectual journey of considerable length. Let us see where and how far my next Handbook, on the relevance of corporate social responsibility (CSR) for organizations in generalized contexts (Örtenblad forthcoming), will take me as well as the reader.

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