



This research seminar examines current procurement topics from a research perspective. Students will deepen their understanding of procurement and supply chain research and its implications for practice.

The main deliverables of this module are a research paper, which each participant prepares independently over the course of the semester, and a corresponding in-class presentation at the end of the module. The suggested topics will emphasize research rather than application and will be related to the current research interests of the Endowed Chair of Procurement.

Participants will obtain an introduction to business research and to scientific writing in the context of supply (chain) management.

### Objectives

The main intended learning outcome is to attain the competences for writing a high-quality master thesis about a topic in the broader procurement arena. Participants will learn how to structure a research question systematically and how to independently gather the knowledge of the foundations, structures, and methodologies underlying a given topic. In addition, participants will learn how to present research findings.

### Organization

Formal prerequisite for the participation in this seminar is the attendance of at least one module OPM 6XX (parallel attendance is possible) or an equivalent module within an exchange program. Recommended courses in preparation for the seminar are OPM 591 and OPM 692 or equivalent modules within exchange programs.

Participation is limited. The specific topics are published at the end of each preceding spring semester, before the obligatory registration takes place.

### General Information



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| Lecturer             | Prof. Dr. Christoph Bode  |
| Course Format        | Schedule will be provided at the kick-off meeting                     |
| Credit Points        | 6 ECTS  |
| Language             | English   |
| Grading              | Written report, presentation, and contribution to in-class discussion |
| Term                 | Fall  |
| Range of Application | M.Sc. MMM, M.Sc. Bus. Edu.  |

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