Seminal Research in Operations and Supply Chain Management

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Further instructors will be asked to join the course, and may do so based on availability and interest

Application procedure

Goal and target audience
This seminar is open for all doctoral candidates at TUM School of Management who are interested in learning more about how to read, analyze, comprehend, and evaluate published studies systematically. The focus of this course is on recent advancements in the area of organizational behaviors, operations, and supply chain management.

Application process
By email to michela.carraro@tum.de (Dr. Michela Carraro) until October the 15th, 2023.

Course aims

What this course is
The aim of this course is to get participants aware of the recent advancements in the areas of organizational behavior, operations, and supply chain management. Participants will learn how to identify, read, and critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of recent publications in top journals and to identify areas for future research.

What this course is not
This course is not a listen-and-repeat lecture. Participants are expected to actively participate in each session and to share their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the papers analyzed.

Course objectives

Knowledge Objectives
Participants will develop an awareness of recent research and methodological approaches that can be used in organizational behavior, operations, and supply chain management. Participants should also become aware of the key research challenges and opportunities in these areas.
Skills Objectives
At the end of this course, participants will be able to critically discuss and analyze influential research papers published in top journals. Participants will be able to analyze studies’ strengths and weaknesses and point independently to possible future research perspectives.

Learning Objectives
Participants will learn to become more independent researchers as they will understand (1) some of the key elements pertaining to successfully published studies, (2) how to make a significant contribution to literature, and (3) how to critically evaluate their own research projects.

Preliminary schedule
The course will be held hybrid. The preliminary course dates for the WS 23/24 are

- Thursday, 26 October 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 2 November 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 9 November 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 16 November 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 23 November 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 30 November 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Thursday, 7 December 2023, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

Core readings
Recent publications will be shared during the course.

Course procedures
There are no formal prerequisites. We recommend this seminar for students at the beginning of their doctoral program to benefit the most.

Assessment
The main delivery is a presentation of ca. 30 minutes. Participants are expected to identify a recent publication on a topic of their interest and to prepare a set of informative slides or a poster explaining how the selected article advances the current body of knowledge, what the strengths and weaknesses of the article are, and identify potential directions for future research.

Workload
9 ECTS (63 contact hours, total workload of 270 hours)