

## **Seminar Accounting & Corporate Governance – ST 21**

– Contemporary Issues in Accounting & Governance –  
(Prof. Dr. Andreas Dutzi)

### **General Information**

This research seminar is offered for **master students**. Participants need a sound understanding of accounting, finance, and/or management to enroll for this seminar (see module handbook regulations). The seminar will cover all the following issues by using empirical research methods:

1. Are Foundations White Knights? - Impact of Foundation Ownership on CSR Performance
2. Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic: What kind of Zombie Firms will arise?
3. Do Carbon Emissions really matter to Investors?
4. Impact of Institutional Investors on CSR Performance?
5. Relationship between CSR performance and Related Party Transactions
6. Do Big Four Audits improve CSR Reporting?
7. CSR Performance and Reporting: Do they fit?
8. Is there an Influence of Directors' Corporate Connectedness on CSR Performance?

Participants must write and present their seminar papers in **English**. All seminar sessions are in **English**.

### **Registration**

For information regarding registration, please refer to the homepage of the examination office. The chair will do the assignment of topics approx. within the **last week of March 2021** via email.

### **Introductory Session**

An introductory session is scheduled on **18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (10:00–12:00 am)**, to inform all participants about underlying ideas, theories and the overall goals of the seminar. Furthermore, participants get information about the quality criteria in reviewing papers. Attendance to this **virtual** session is optional, but strongly recommended.

### **Join Introductory Zoom Meeting via:**

<https://uni-siegen.zoom.us/j/95331051139?pwd=b1U1RWpLbUh5NUhzYS9VHUUzUGV2QT09>

Meeting ID: 953 3105 1139

Passcode: ZS2Cfg&y

## Methodical Session

A methodical session is on **14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (2:00–4:00 pm)** to discuss relevant empirical research methods and approaches. Attendance to this session is optional, but strongly recommended. Location and time will be announced on further notice.

## Exposé

Students need to send a **2 page** exposé on or before **30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (12 noon)** via email (to: [accounting@uni-siegen.de](mailto:accounting@uni-siegen.de)). **The exposé must consist of introduction, research question(s) and methodology.** Only a soft copy of the exposé via email is necessary and no hard copy is required. The exposé will be reviewed and send back to the students along with comments for further improvement of their paper by **5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

## Colloquium Schedule

A colloquium is offered **weekly (Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 pm)** to support participants. The sessions are optional for all participants and only take place after previous arrangement by email to [sophia.schwoy@uni-siegen.de](mailto:sophia.schwoy@uni-siegen.de). The last colloquium is offered on **9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

## Final Presentations & Discussions

Students need to present their results on **30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Each participant has to present for about 20 minutes the paper. Furthermore, each participant has to be discussant of another presenter's paper for about 10 minutes. Therefore, all papers have to be submitted on or before **20<sup>th</sup> June 2021** ([sophia.schwoy@uni-siegen.de](mailto:sophia.schwoy@uni-siegen.de)) to give discussants enough time to read the allocated papers. Attendance at the final presentations is mandatory.

## Final Paper

Students need to send the final version of their paper (one single PDF file) via email (to: [accounting@uni-siegen.de](mailto:accounting@uni-siegen.de)) and submit the hard copy by dropping it off at the Professors post box on or before **20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (12:00 noon)**. Final papers submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. The final paper must **not exceed 5,000 words** and should follow the Guidelines for Paper Submission.

## Grades & other Information

All events will probably take place in the premises of the University of Siegen. The seminar grade is composed of the following: 15% exposé, 50% final paper, 20% final presentation and 15% discussant performance. Marks are based on an assessment and not on group assessment. To be successful in the seminar, it requires the extended abstract and the final paper to generate a minimum grade of 4.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021