

Seminar Accounting & Corporate Governance – ST 26
– Contemporary Issues in Corporate Reporting & Governance –
(Prof. Dr. Andreas Dutzi)

General Information

This research seminar is intended for master's students. Participants should have a sound understanding of accounting, finance and/or management (please refer to the module handbook regulations for further details). The seminar will cover all the following issues by using empirical research methods:

1. The relationship between corporate board accountability and commitment to CSR
2. The relationship between CSR management, supply chain relationships and outsourcing
3. The relationship between corporate board accountability and decarbonisation
4. The relationship between decarbonisation of business models and carbon reporting
5. The relationship between EU taxonomy alignment and investment attractiveness

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 **first week of April 2026** via email.

Introductory Session

An introductory session has been scheduled for **April 13, 2026 (8:30–10:00 am)**, with the objective of informing all participants about the underlying ideas, theories and the overall goals of the seminar. Furthermore, participants are informed about the quality criteria that are applied during the review process. Attendance at this session is not compulsory but is strongly recommended.

Methodical Session

A methodical session is offered to discuss relevant empirical research methods and approaches. While attendance at this session is optional, we strongly encourage you to attend. Further details regarding location and time will be communicated later.

Exposé

Students are required to submit a two-page exposé by **April 27, 2026 (10:00 am)**, via email to accounting@uni-siegen.de. The **exposé should comprise** an introduction, a research question(s) and a methodology section. The exposé will be reviewed, and students will receive an email providing them with feedback on how to further improve their paper by **April 30, 2026**.

Colloquium Schedule

A colloquium is offered to support participants. The sessions are optional for all participants and only take place after previous arrangement.

Final Presentations & Discussions

Kindly note that students are required to present their results on **9 and 16 July 2026** between **8:30 am and 18:00 pm**. Each participant is required to present their paper for approximately 20 minutes. In addition, each participant will be assigned the role of discussant for another presenter's paper, with a duration of approximately 10 minutes. Therefore, all papers must be submitted on or before **June 30, 2026 (10:00 am)** (accounting@uni-siegen.de) to allow discussants sufficient time to read the allocated papers. Attendance at the final presentations is mandatory.

Final Paper

Students must submit the final version of their paper as a single PDF file via email to accounting@uni-siegen.de on or before **June 30, 2026 (10:00 am)**. Submissions after the deadline will not be accepted. Papers must **not exceed 5,000 words** and must adhere to the Guidelines for Paper Submission.

Grades & other Information

All events will probably take place at the University of Siegen. The **seminar grade** is composed of the following elements: 15% for the exposé, 50% for the final paper, 20% for the presentation and 15% for the discussion performance. Marks are based on individual assessment. In order to achieve a successful outcome in the seminar, it is necessary to obtain a minimum grade of 4.0 in both the extended abstract and the final paper.

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