

## Lecture Series Wintersemester 2021/2022

Monday, November 29, 2021, 5.30 pm.  
The lecture will held online!



### **SEAN RAFTER**

### **HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS - IS AN EVOLUTION NEEDED OR A REVOLUTION NECESSARY?**

The humanitarian logistics industry has evolved dramatically since its emergence in 1985 during the famine in Ethiopia. More recently, the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has further highlighted the challenges and need to professionalise humanitarian supply chains. This discussion examines some of the drivers that are changing the industry. It asks whether the humanitarian sector is prepared in an increasingly complex interconnected global logistics environment with new stakeholders constantly emerging.

**Mr Rafter** attained a first-class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering and subsequently worked for seven years in the automotive industry in the advanced field of acoustics and vehicle refinement. He then worked in the IT & Telecommunications sector as a Software Engineer and Operations Team Lead maintaining several business-critical systems. Mr Rafter entered the humanitarian sector in 2008 and climbed quickly, recognised for his leadership and operational experience in large-scale emergencies. He now lives in Switzerland where he is the Managing Director of HELP Logistics, a non-profit organisation of the Kühne Foundation. Mr Rafter manages four regional offices in Singapore, Jordan, Kenya and Senegal and a Centre of Excellence at the Kühne Logistics University in Germany. The purpose of the organisations are to shape supply chains for the benefit of humanity.

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