

## Call for papers

### 11th European Research Seminar (ERS) on Logistics and SCM

WU-Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria  
12 and 13 May, 2016

**In cooperation with the  
*Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)***

The Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) and WU-Vienna University of Economics and Business are arranging the eleventh European Research Seminar (ERS) to be held in Vienna, 12 and 13 May, 2016.

The purpose of ERS is to expose and discuss contemporary issues in European logistics and supply chain management. ERS is a platform for intensive interaction among scholars, both formally in the sessions and informally outside of them. Topics of interest for ERS could be:

- Sustainable logistics and supply chain management
- IT and digitalization within supply chains
- Big data analysis: application in logistics and SCM
- Supply chain learning and innovation: insights from European cases
- Distribution strategies and (online) retailing in Europe
- Impact of EU regulations on transport, logistics and SCM
- European logistics service providers: strategy, structure and relationships
- Development and implications of logistics clusters in Europe
- Reverse logistics in a supply chain context
- Barriers and facilitators of supply chain collaboration, integration and, alignment
- Coping with uncertainties and risks in international and global supply chains
- Horizontal collaboration and alliances

This list is not exclusive and other issues – especially forward thinking and innovative topics – relating to logistics and supply chain management are welcomed.

We especially invite our European academic research community to submit papers to be presented and discussed at the conference, but scholars from outside Europe are also welcomed.

There are three formats for submission to the conference: 1) Full papers, 2) work-in-progress papers, and 3) discussion topics.

## **1) Full papers**

Full papers submitted to the seminar will be reviewed for potential publication in the globally recognized academic ***Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)*** and will be subjected to a double-blind review process by a board of predominantly European reviewers.

Authors of full papers accepted for ERS will be asked to present the paper at the European Research Seminar. Such presentation is a precondition for possible publication in *Journal of Business Logistics*.

**An abstract of 200-250 words that outlines both the content and the utilized research methodology needs to be submitted by 5 February, 2016.**

Please, note that no feedback will be given to the abstracts. They have an operational purpose in facilitating the quick decision-making after the full-paper submission via pre-allocation of reviewers etc.

**The deadline for submission of the full papers is 22 February, 2016.**

The time schedule for the review process hereafter is as follows:

- 7 March 2016:** Notification to authors whether the paper is accepted or rejected for presentation at ERS and whether the paper is considered for publication in JBL. This decision is made by the scientific board of ERS.  
All papers that are considered for publication in JBL (the usual number is 50%) is then sent out to multiple JBL reviewers.
- 30 May 2016:** Notification to authors on decision regarding a publication in JBL (Accept; revise & resubmit or reject).

Text body of manuscripts will typically be 6.000-8.000 words but special attention is given to contribution to length ratio. The paper must be written according to the JBL style guide/template. You find instructions at:

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2158-1592/homepage/ForAuthors.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)2158-1592/homepage/ForAuthors.html)

Please submit the abstract and the full paper electronically as a Microsoft Word document to:

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Additionally, the full paper needs to be submitted to the ***Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)*** manuscript handling tool: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbl>  
(Clearly specify that the paper is intended for the ERS)

## **2) Work-in-progress papers**

Work-in-progress papers will be reviewed for their potential to eventually be published in a top logistics/SCM journal. WIP papers are full papers that report on high quality research that, yet, is not finished as certain steps in the research process are still to be carried out (e.g., the data collection is still missing). A WIP paper must include an extended abstract of two pages.

**The deadline for submission of the WIP papers is 22 February, 2016.**

Text body of WIP papers must not exceed 5.000 words with special attention given to contribution to length ratio. In a preface before the introduction the authors are required to clearly state in which respect the paper is still in progress. That could be that the data analysis is still on-going or that the theory base is still to be further refined. The paper must be written according to the JBL style guide/template. You find instructions at:

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The time schedule for the review process hereafter is as follows:

- 14 March 2015:** Notification to authors whether the paper is accepted or rejected for presentation at ERS. This decision is made by the scientific board of ERS.
- 18 April 2015:** Written feedback to authors with strong points and potential shortcomings of the WIP paper.

Please submit WIP paper electronically as a Microsoft Word document to e-mail:

[ERS@cbs.dk](mailto:ERS@cbs.dk)

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## **3) Discussion topics**

To facilitate open interaction and discussion, the ERS will also include 60 to 90 minutes time slots dedicated to discussing topics of high relevance. The aim of these sessions is to discuss topics that are of high relevance for academic research and/or the future development of the discipline; these topics should be focused on new areas of research and/or exploiting new research methods. The content could be the future of a current research stream, related to a new research call (e.g. Horizon 2020), a new hypothesis and/or an innovative research approach etc. The format could be workshop, interactive debate, mini-presentations or other any other format that encourages and facilitates interaction and discussions among the participants.

We invite scholars to submit a discussion proposal in line with the forward thinking articles of JBL (i.e., discussion proposals) that includes:

- Topic description focusing in what way it brings forward thinking to the discipline (e.g. perspectives, areas and/or methods)
- Large audience appeal i.e. topic of broad interest in the area of SCM
- Based on unique insights or data as well as references to papers (including work in progress) or other related material that relate to the topic
- A suggestion for a format of the session (i.e. how you would like to fill the 60-90 minute time slot).
- Learning outcomes for the discussion participants

The discussion topic proposal should be a brief description of the above. It should contain maximum 2000 words and clearly outline the points above. You are encouraged to coordinate the contents of a discussion topic proposal with other researchers and come up with a joint proposal that includes interaction from different scholars. These proposals will be evaluated by the ERS scientific board

with the objective to select topics and formats that will be highly interesting and valuable for the participants of ERS. We encourage the discussion topic leaders to use the seminar to further develop the proposals for publication as Forward Thinking articles in JBL.

**The deadline for proposing discussion topics is 22 February 2016.**

The time schedule for the review process hereafter is as follows:

**14 March 2016:** Notification whether a discussion topic has been selected.

Please submit discussion topics electronically as a Microsoft Word document to e-mail: [fredrik.nilsson@plog.lth.se](mailto:fredrik.nilsson@plog.lth.se) with copy to [wallenburg@whu.edu](mailto:wallenburg@whu.edu) and [bq.om@cbs.dk](mailto:bq.om@cbs.dk)

For questions regarding discussion topics, please, contact Prof. Fredrik Nilsson at e-mail: [fredrik.nilsson@plog.lth.se](mailto:fredrik.nilsson@plog.lth.se)

For updates on the seminar, please visit <http://www.wu.ac.at/ers2016/>