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## **Empirical Research in Sustainability Reporting**

#### **Team**

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### Aim of the course and motivation

The seminar covers topics in sustainability reporting and deepens students' knowledge in this field. The focus of this semester's course is on analyses regarding the ESRS early adopters. Students will be required to (1) familiarize themselves in-depth with the general overview of sustainability reporting, (2) gather data to conduct an empirical analysis, (3) prepare and hand in a seminar paper, and (4) present their results in class.

### **Learning Goals and Competencies**

- Students gain insights into sustainability reporting requirements and will be able to apply their knowledge to practical problems.
- Students will improve their written and verbal communication skills.
- Students will conduct their own empirical research.

### **Course Format and Material**

The course is designed as a seminar. In a kick-off meeting, the outline and topics of the course will be presented. After the kick-off meeting, students choose a topic and get access to the data that is needed (only for some topics) for the empirical analysis (<u>Sustainability Reporting Navigator</u> database). Students gather data and conduct their empirical analysis to prepare a seminar paper. To succeed in the course, you have to hand in a seminar paper and present your results at the end of the course.

#### **Examination Format**

Successful completion of homework and a presentation. Please also consider the formal requirements (available on the webpage of the chair or Moodle). Failing the formal requirements is also a reason to fail the course!

**Before the presentation:** We will conduct feedback meetings. In these meetings, we will discuss your seminar papers and provide you with important recommendations to improve your research for the final presentation. The feedback meetings are not mandatory but highly recommended!

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# Schedule

Day	Time	Date	Location/Detail
Monday	12:00 am to 2:00 pm	21.10.2024	Kick-Off RuW - RuW 3.201
Friday	midnight	25.10.2024	Registration/Topic via mail: meringdal@econ.uni-frankfurt.de
Monday	midnight	09.12.2024	Hand-in written paper via mail: meringdal@econ.uni-frankfurt.de
Friday	10 am to 03:00 pm	13.12.2024	Feedback on seminar paper (via Zoom, please book a time via email (meringdal@econ.uni-frankfurt.de)
Thurs- day/Friday	8:00 am to 06:00 pm	23./24.01.2024	Students Presentations (hand in slides via mail (22.01., midnight): <a href="mailto:meringdal@econ.uni-frankfurt.de">meringdal@econ.uni-frankfurt.de</a> )  RuW - RuW 4.201

Changes will announced via Moodle!