

## Luxembourgish PhD students and professors participate in an international research seminar on Accounting and Finance

From May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, professors, post-doctoral researchers and PhD students from the Universities of Hamburg (Chair for Capital Markets and Management as well as Chair for Management and Sustainability), Luxemburg (Chair for Financial Accounting and Audit), and Oldenburg (Chair for Accounting and Corporate Governance) came together for a joint research workshop in Pelzerhaken. Under the heading “Sustainability in Accounting, Finance and Management”, the participants presented their current research projects followed by critical comments from two discussants and a general discussion. Special feature of this seminar was the broad thematic and methodological cross-section of the participants within the research field of sustainability, which allowed for feedback that was not only high-quality and constructive, but also opened up new theoretical as well as methodological perspectives.

The presentations covered a broad range both in terms of methodology as well as research questions. Experimental research studies were presented by PhD students of Professor Alexander Bassen, Ms. Franziska Sump, Ms. Katrin Gödker and Mr. Josua Oll (Chair of Capital Markets and Management, University of Hamburg) and were highly interesting and innovative. Their studies were discussed by Professor Kerstin Lopatta (University of Oldenburg), Professor Anke Müßig (University of Luxemburg) and their research assistants as well as other participants. Furthermore, Mr. Maximilian Schnippering (University of Hamburg, Chair of Management and Sustainability) introduced his current research proposal on the influence of R&D on the relation between non-financial and financial performance to the workshop participants, which contributes to a highly discussed research string in the intersection between accounting and management research. His proposal was first discussed by Professor Kerstin Lopatta and Dr. Sebastian Tideman and afterwards by all the other participants.

The research studies of Professor Kerstin Lopatta (Chair of Accounting and Corporate Governance, University of Oldenburg), her PhD students Mr. Johann Trenkle, Ms. Laura-Maria Gastone, Ms. Katarina Böttcher and her postdoctoral researcher, Dr. Sebastian Tideman, had a strong empirical character dealing with archival data. The comments on the paper were provided by Professor Thomas Kaspereit (University of Luxemburg), as well as Professor Alexander Bassen, Professor Timo Busch, Junior Professor Frank Schiemann, Dr.

Matthew Johnson (all University Hamburg) and their research assistants. Further comments on the studies were provided in the general session thereafter.

Then again, Ms. Véronique Weber, PhD student of Professor Anke Müßig (University of Luxemburg) presented her research proposal on risk disclosure. She received useful suggestions for improvement from Dr. Florian Lüdecke-Freund and Mr. Maximilian Schnippering (both University of Hamburg). The joined research project of Professor Thomas Kaspereit, Mr. Mario Gloger and Professor Kerstin Lopatta got evaluated by Professor Alexander Bassen, Ms. Laura-Maria Gastone and Mr. Johann Trenkle. All in all, the participants were highly satisfied about the quality of the research workshop and its interesting and helpful presentations as well as discussions. We are looking forward to our next joint research seminar from March, 7<sup>th</sup>, to March, 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Obergurgl University Centre of the University of Innsbruck, Austria.

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