

Call for papers

13th European Research Seminar (ERS) on Logistics and SCM www.ers2018.net

Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 17 and 18 May, 2018

In cooperation with
Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)
and
International Journal of Logistics Management (IJLM)

The Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), VU Amsterdam, and Erasmus University are arranging the 13th European Research Seminar (ERS) to be held in Rotterdam, 17 and 18 May, 2018.

The purpose of ERS is to expose and discuss contemporary issues in European logistics and SCM. ERS is a platform for intensive interaction among scholars, both formally in the sessions and informally outside of them. Potential topics of interest for ERS include:

- Sustainable logistics and supply chain management
- IT and digitalization within supply chains
- Big data analysis: applications 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
- Logistics service providers: strategy, structure and relationships
- Development and implications of logistics clusters in Europe, including cities/urban areas
- Barriers and facilitators of supply chain collaboration, integration, and alignment
- Coping with complexity, uncertainty, and risk in global supply chains
- Ethical issues in logistics and SCM
- Transparency/visibility in supply chains
- The people dimension of logistics and SCM

This list is not exclusive and other topics – 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, but scholars from outside Europe are also welcomed.

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

1) Full papers

Full papers submitted to the seminar will be reviewed for potential publication in a globally recognized academic journal and will be subjected to a double-blind review process by a board of predominantly European reviewers.

The authors can self-select between the *Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)* and the *International Journal of Logistics Management (IJLM)* depending on personal preference and fit of the paper to the mission of the respective journal. The process for JBL will be managed by its European Editors, Professors Carl Marcus Wallenburg and Andreas Wieland. The process for IJLM will be managed by its Editor, Professor Britta Gammelgaard.

Authors of full papers accepted for ERS will be asked to present the paper at the European Research Seminar. Presentation is a precondition for possible publication in either of the two journals.

An abstract of 200–250 words that outlines both the content and the utilized research methodology needs to be submitted by 8 February, 2018.

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

The deadline for submission of the full papers is 26 February, 2018.

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

- 19 March, 2018:** Notification to authors whether the paper is accepted or rejected for presentation at ERS and whether the paper is considered for publication in the journal it was submitted to (either JBL or IJLM). All papers that are considered for publication in the journal are then sent out to multiple journal reviewers.
- 7 June, 2018:** Notification to authors on decision regarding a publication in the journal (JBL or IJLM) – 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 manuscript must be written according to the style guide/template of the journal it is submitted to. 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)
resp.

http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=IJLM

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

Conference Co-Chairs: Professor Carl Marcus Wallenburg, WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, wallenburg@whu.edu and Professor Andreas Wieland, Copenhagen Business School, awi.om@cbs.dk. (Please indicate whether the paper is intended for JBL or IJLM.)

Additionally, the full paper needs to be submitted to the manuscript handling tool of either *Journal of Business Logistics (JBL)*: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbl> or *International Journal of Logistics Management (IJLM)* <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijlm>

(Clearly specify that it 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 a preface and an abstract of 200–250 words.

The deadline for submission of the WIP papers is 26 February, 2018.

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 ongoing or that the theory base is still to be further refined. The paper should be written according to the JBL style guide/template. You can 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)

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

26 March, 2018: Notification to authors whether the paper is accepted or rejected for presentation at ERS. This decision is made by the scientific board of ERS.

23 April, 2018: Written feedback to authors with strong points and potential shortcomings of the WIP paper.

Please submit WIP paper electronically as a Microsoft Word document via the website (www.ers2018.net -> Submissions) and via e-mail to ERS2018.sbe@vu.nl

For questions, please, contact Professor Sander de Leeuw via e-mail sander.de.leeuw@vu.nl

3) Discussion topics

To facilitate open interaction and discussion, a special feature of the ERS are 60 to 90 minutes time slots dedicated to discussing topics of high relevance. The aim of these sessions is to focus on topics that are of high relevance for academic research and/or the future development of the discipline; these topics should address new areas of research and/or exploit new research methods. The content could relate to the future of a current research stream, a new research call, a new hypothesis and/or an innovative research approach etc. The format could be a workshop, interactive debate, mini-presentations, or any other format that helps to encourage and facilitate interaction and discussions among the participants.

We invite scholars to submit a discussion proposal that includes:

- Topic description focusing on the way it brings innovative thinking to the discipline (e.g. perspectives, areas and/or methods)
- Large audience appeal, i.e. a topic of broad interest in the area of logistics/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 of a format of the session (i.e. how you would like to use the 60–90 minutes time slot).
- Learning outcomes for the discussion participants

The discussion topic proposal should be a brief description of the above. It should contain a maximum of 2,000 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.

The deadline for proposing discussion topics is 26 February, 2018.

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

26 March, 2018: Notification whether a discussion topic has been selected.

Please submit discussion topics electronically as a Microsoft Word document to e-mail:
ERS2018.sbe@vu.nl

For questions regarding discussion topics please contact Professor Fredrik Nilsson via email:
fredrik.nilsson@plog.lth.se

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