

## **Selected Research Themes for MBA FM Thesis**

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in working on one of the following research **areas**. Themes below are some examples of topics which can be **modified or adapted** to suit **your** intended field of research. You can usually reach me in my office during term or per email [victor.randall@hs-coburg.de](mailto:victor.randall@hs-coburg.de) to discuss your proposal.

### Risk Management / Transaction Services

- **An analysis of the origin and regional consequences of the global financial crisis**
- Examination of the efficacy of Global Securities Operations of an international banking group
- Uses of derivatives in an SME environment (empirical data - internship or company of choice)
- A risk management analysis of the reasons that led to the losses at Hypo Real Estate AG
- An analysis of the benefits of exchange-traded credit derivatives (EUREX iTraxx CDS Futures)

### Financial Markets / Financial Management

- The Future of Credit Ratings – Addressing Market Concerns post Financial Crisis
- **The Outlook for the Hellenic Republic in 2012: Fiscal Recovery, Default or Rescheduling?**
- Microcredit for small business and business creation: bridging a market gap? (Grameen Model)
- **The Prospects for the continued existence of the Eurozone**
- **The relationship between public debt and the banking system in the Eurozone**

### Investment Banking / Asset Management

- **Feasibility study for automated, internet-based placement platforms for distribution of securities**
- An analysis of the Pfandbrief Market – History, Characteristics and Perspectives post Subprime
- The changing role of financial intermediaries in the global capital markets
- **ECB Sovereign Bond Purchases – The pros and the cons**
- **An analysis of sovereign borrowing in and outside the Eurozone**
- The role of equity research in Investment Banking / Asset Management

### Capital Markets

- **Restarting ABS in 2011 and current developments in the securitization of financial assets**
- Relationship between bank capital and liquidity – effect on bank funding programmes
- Analysis of the Mix between Domestic and International Markets for Funding Sovereigns and Corporates in the CEE region in 2011/12
- **The Origin and Function of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) and the Consequences of a Drawing**

### Banking and Finance

- **The Future of Banking – Trends, Opportunities and Challenges**
- Cross-border M&A – A critical analysis of a recent case study transaction
- **Prospects for Basel III as an effective and durable standard in risk reduction**
- Refining the corporate balance sheet: what is the appropriate level of leverage in 2011?
- **Making Banking Safer - Banking Stress Tests and the correct choice of parameters**