

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 to discuss your proposal.

Risk Management / Transaction Services

- **An analysis of the origin and consequences of the subprime 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 in the Financial Market Crisis**
- Speculative-grade rating methodologies – An inter-agency comparison
- **Microcredit for small business and business creation: bridging a market gap? (Grameen Model)**
- Overview of a selected Emerging Market and the Role of SMEs in that economy
- Innovative financing instruments for raising Mezzanine and Equity Capital for SMEs

Investment Banking / Capital Markets

- **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
- Alternative Investments and their Strategies (e.g., Hedge Funds, PE, VC, etc.)
- The role of equity research in Investment Banking / Asset Management
- Hedge Funds – The true generators of Alpha?

Asset & Liability Management

- Cost control techniques in supply chain management
- **Novel uses of ABS and current developments in the securitization of financial assets**
- The balance between unsecured and secured financing in the German Mittelstand – a company analysis
- New developments in the sphere of Asset & Liability Management
- Innovations in Tier 1 Capital – between Debt Capital and Equity Capital

Corporate Finance / Valuation

- Growth Potential of SMEs and SME banking in Selected Emerging Markets
 - Cross-border M&A – A critical analysis of a case study transaction
 - **Dilutive vs. non-dilutive capital raising**
 - Implications of the industrial globalisation for the refinancing operations of international firms
 - **The right role for multiples in valuation**
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