

Press release

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ESMT: Linus Dahlander named new KPMG Chair in Innovation

[Linus Dahlander](#), Associate Professor at ESMT European School of Management and Technology, has been named the holder of the newly established KPMG Chair in Innovation at the international business school in Berlin. KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft is supporting the chair to strengthen research and teaching in the area of innovation at ESMT.

Linus Dahlander currently investigates, among other things, the implications of increasingly open and distributed innovation processes for companies. His research focuses on how firms can benefit from external sources of innovation.

Frank Wiethoff, Regional Head East of KPMG in Germany, said, "The vibrant Berlin start-up scene is exemplary of the pioneering role that innovation plays in the economy. For KPMG it is particularly important to promote research in this area in order to understand, for example, how established companies and start-ups can profit from each other."

Before joining ESMT in January 2011, Linus Dahlander was a postdoctoral fellow at [Stanford University](#). From 2006 to 2008, he was an assistant professor and an Advanced Institute of Management Research Fellow with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Group at [Imperial College Business School](#) in the UK. Linus Dahlander received his PhD in Technology Management and Economics from [Chalmers University of Technology](#), Sweden in 2006. The results of his research have been published in the leading journals of his field, and he advises both start-ups and leading international companies and organizations such as the [World Intellectual Property Organization \(WIPO\)](#).

[Catalina Stefanescu-Cuntze](#), Associate Professor and Dean of Faculty at ESMT, commented, "Linus Dahlander is an excellent academic. As the KPMG Chair in Innovation, he will continue to provide important impulses for research on innovation at ESMT. We appreciate the support of KPMG in this exciting area of research."

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ESMT European School of Management and Technology was founded in October 2002 by 25 leading global companies and institutions. The international business school offers a full-time MBA, an executive MBA, a master's in management as well as open enrollment and customized executive education programs. ESMT focuses on three main topics: leadership and social responsibility, European competitiveness, and the management of technology. Additionally the business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is based in Berlin, Germany, with an additional campus in Schloss Gracht near Cologne, where USW Netzwerk runs the German-speaking executive education programs of the business school. ESMT is a private business school, accredited by the German state, AACSB, AMBA, and FIBAA. www.esmt.org