

# Press Release

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## ESMT Berlin names Chair in Management Science after Michael Diekmann

- **Tamer Boyaci is first holder of the Michael Diekmann Chair in Management Science**
- **Main research areas in supply chain management and sustainable operations**

Honoring the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the ESMT Foundation, Michael Diekmann, ESMT Berlin founded the Michael Diekmann Chair in Management Science on June 15, 2016. [Tamer Boyaci](#) is the first holder of this Chair. His research interests lie in supply chain management and sustainability.

Diekmann's time as Chairman of the ESMT Foundation from 2007 to 2015, during which he also held the position of CEO at Allianz SE, was a period of rapid and continuous growth for the international business school. With Diekmann as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, ESMT reached important milestones, including international accreditations and the right to grant PhDs. At the same time, the number of participants of the MBA programs increased by around 87%. In 2015, the *Financial Times* referred to ESMT as "Top in Germany" and the school reached top rankings internationally. "The remarkable progress of ESMT in research and teaching is also attributable to Michael Diekmann's leadership skills and experience. Therefore, it is a great honor for us to associate his name with the Chair in Management Science," [Jörg Rocholl, President of ESMT](#), summarizes.

The Michael Diekmann Chair in Management Science aims to consolidate the interconnectedness of sustainability and profitability. It focuses on the development and application of concepts to solve managerial issues. With interdisciplinary approaches, the Chair supports companies in making sustainable decisions. Holder of the Michael Diekmann Chair in Management Science at ESMT, Tamer Boyaci, will focus his research on innovation and reusability as well as the positive benefits of recycled products on the environment.

"Sustainability is the basis of long-term value, which encourages change and involves customers, employees, shareholders, and society," Michael Diekmann said. "I gladly contribute to the training of future managers at ESMT, teaching them about the concepts of practical sustainability, later to be implemented in their own companies." Diekmann is a member of the supervisory boards of BASF, Linde AG, Fresenius, and Siemens. In 1998, he was appointed to the Board of Allianz SE, which he chaired from 2003 to 2015.

Tamer Boyaci taught as Professor of Operations Management at McGill University, Montreal. From 2011 to 2013, he held the position of Associate Dean of Masters Programs. Boyaci was also a visiting professor at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Koç University, Istanbul. Before moving to McGill University in 1998, he completed two Masters Degrees and a PhD at Columbia University, while working there as a Teaching and Research Assistant.

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