

# Indicative topics for Dissertation Paper INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP MASTER PROGRAM<sup>1</sup> 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

**1. International Business** (include International Business Environment, Entrepreneurial Policies and Strategies, International Business Negotiation, Global Supply Chain and Operations Management, Internationalization of SMEs, International Business Ethics and Leadership, International Business Transactions)

## **International Business Negotiation**

- 1. Negotiation of export import transactions. Case Study
- 2. Communication and negotiation in business. Case Study
- 3. The role of culture in international business. Case Study
- 4. Management of the negotiation process. Case Study
- 5. Analysis of the negotiation process conducted by the company ... with .... Case Study
- 6. Strategies, tactics and techniques used in negotiating international transactions. Case Study
- 7. Cultural diversity in the global economy and its influence on negotiations. Case Study
- 8. Etiquette and protocol in international negotiation. Case Study
- 9. Preparation and planning for negotiation: an essential step for success in business. Case Study
- 10. Types of partners encountered in negotiations. Case Study
- 11. The importance of negotiation in supply chain processes. Case Study
- 12. Business negotiation on coordinates of globalization and business internationalization
- 13. Negotiation of contract for the international sale of goods. Case Study
- 14. Negotiate price in international contracts. Case Study
- 15. Styles of negotiation in relation to the cultural coordinates. Case Study
- 16. Non-verbal communication in international negotiations. Case Study
- 17. Selecting negotiating team and negotiator profile. Case Study

### **International Business Environment**

- 1. Modern entrepreneurship in international business current trends and perspectives
- 2. Impact of cultural norms and informal practices on success in international business ventures
- 3. Key success factors for launching and developing an international business

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The scientific coordinator can be any of the teachers listed in the Research Areas and Scientific Coordinators document, who have the following scientific titles: Professor, PhD; Associate Professor, PhD; Lecturer PhD. All presented topics are purely indicative. Every scientific coordinator may suggest other topics if necessary.

### **International Business Transactions**

- 1. Specifics of international business contracts. Case study
- 2. Payments in international business contracts. Case Study
- 3. Countertrade operations in international transactions. Case Study
- 4. The buy-back contract in international transactions. Case Study
- 5. Specifics of compensatory arrangements (offsets) in international transactions. Case Study
- 6. Management and outsourcing contracts in international transactions. Case Study
- 7. The mechanism of re-export operations. Case Study
- 8. Switch operations. Case Study
- 9. The role of international auctions in international business. Case Study
- 10. The terms of license agreements in international transactions. Case Study
- 11. Specifics of franchising contracts in international transactions. Case Study
- 12. Know how agreements in the European Union. Case Study
- 13. Industrial cooperation agreements (subcontracting, co-production by joint ventures, etc). Case Study
- 14. Specifics of the consultancy and engineering assistance (consulting engineering). Case Study
- 15. Forfeiting and discounting financing techniques used in international transactions. Case Study
- 16. Factoring transactions in international business. Case Study
- 17. Equipment leasing medium and long term financing technique. Case Study

### Internationalization of SMEs

- 1. The internationalization strategy of company X
- 2. Factors that influence internationalization and their impact on companies. The case of country X
- 3. Market entry modes. The case of company X
- 4. Development of SMEs in the European Union and their economic impact
- 5. Financial and non-financial support used by companies on their internationalization way
- 6. Organizational change. The case of company X
- 7. Corporate governance and its effect on companies
- 8. OLI Paradigm expansion model. The case of company X
- 9. Born global companies model. The case of E-commerce companies
- 10. Leadership styles put in practice. The case of companies X and Y

**2. International Financing and Accounting** (includes Private Equity and Venture Capital, International Financial Management, International Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis)

# **International Financial Management**

- 1. Characteristics of the Financial System in (Romania/Country's Name); opportunities for financing businesses
- 2. Financing businesses through the Stock Exchange; the case in (Romania/Country's Name) vs (Poland/Country's Name)
- 3. Money market instruments used by entrepreneurs; comparative analysis between countries
- 4. Innovative solutions to finance entrepreneurship: the case of (Banca Transilvania/Bank's Name)
- 5. Financing SMEs through banks; local or foreign currency?
- 6. Innovative solutions for financing the Social Entrepreneurship
- 7. Foreign Exchange Market developments in the context of the financial crisis
- 8. Exchange rate risk; a comparative analysis between TNCs and SMEs
- 9. Hedging solutions for exchange rate risk; the case of companies based in (Country's Name)
- 10. Developments of Non-cash payments at the global level

- 11. Digitization in Transaction Banking; challenges and opportunities
- 12. Innovation in payments; the Mobile Wallet
- 13. Innovations in payments: the case of (PayPal/Global Payments/ etc)
- 14. The regulatory environment for (international) payments; an assessment
- 15. The future of banking in the digital era; what do entrepreneurs expect?

# **Private Equity and Venture Capital**

- 1) Private equity in emerging markets
- 2) Performance of private equity funds
- 3) Study on the venture capital process
- 4) The influence of uncertainty on venture capital investments
- 5) Crowdfunded venture/angel investing
- 6) Private equity investment strategies
- 7) Risk and return of private equity
- **3. Management and Marketing** (include International Strategic Marketing, International Sales Strategies, Global Strategic Management, Project Management)

### **International Strategic Marketing**

- 1. Segmenting a business-to-consumer market. The case of ....
- 2. Segmenting a business-to-business market. The case of ....
- 3. Segmentation, Targeting and Positioning. The case of .....
- 4. Targeting the most profitable market. The case of ....
- 5. Market Positioning a brand\company\country or individual
- 6. The strategic marketing plan for .....
- 7. Assessing the marketing environment from a strategic perspective. The case of ...

# **Project Management<sup>2</sup>**

- 1. Project management role in economic and social development.
- 2. The specifics of project management in the public sector.
- 3. Project Management Cycle in the context of a changing economic and social environment.
- 4. Project management as a tool for enhancing business performance.
- 5. The impact of an effective human resources management on the efficiency of elaborating and implementing projects.
- 6. Projects elaboration, implementation and evaluation case study.
- 7. Risk analysis in projects case study.
- 8. Project Management with applicability in rural areas case study.
- 9. The audit, control and evaluation of projects case study.
- 10. Specific elements of project management in public administration.
- 11. Project management in business (or in marketing, in constructions, transportations, etc.).
- 12. Initiating and feasibility of projects in contemporary economy.
- 13. Project planning. Milestones, tasks and risks specific to project management.
- 14. The resources of a project. Project planning and control case study.
- 15. Sources of funding. Reimbursable funds versus repayable funds. Types of programs and eligibility Comparative analysis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All work dissertation at the above discipline must contain a case study in the chosen field, which has a weighting of 50% of the work. The work dissertation must be written with references (see APA Style, or Harvard citation system, etc.).

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- 16. Application Form content and structure. How to use the Additions.
- 17. Monitoring and evaluation of European projects. Technical and financial reporting.
- 18. Getting funds for developing a project in a company case study.
- 19. Project management in public private partnership case study.
- 20. The institutional framework and specific elements of projects financed from public funds comparative analysis.