

The CEMS Research Project at CBS

The CEMS research project is an optional programme element which can replace one CEMS course during either the autumn or spring term – in other words, as an elective. The project serves two purposes

- First, it enables students – within the thematic framework of the CEMS MIM - to explore a topic of their own choice. As such it adds a component of independent student research to the MIM programme
- Second, it provides those students whose home program requires them to write a thesis with the opportunity to start working on their thesis. In these cases, the research project can be viewed as a preliminary to the thesis proper, a first attempt at identifying, formulating and engaging with the topic and research question around which you plan to organize your final thesis.

NB! Please note that eventually incorporating the CEMS research project into your thesis, even if it is considered a good project in the CEMS context, is no guarantee for a successful thesis! The research project is an independent piece of work that we HOPE can serve as a building bloc for the thesis – but a lot more work is obviously required for a minor research project to become an integrated part of a major research thesis.

Supervision

Students doing a research project at CBS are entitled to 5 hours of supervision. The hours set aside for supervision include the time the supervisor spends preparing the meetings with the student. Students are responsible for choosing the topics for their research projects and finding their supervisors themselves. If recruited at CBS, supervisors are normally recruited from amongst faculty associated with the cand.merc.int. programme or the cand.merc. programme.

1) Guidelines for CBS CEMS students spending their semester at CBS

The choice of topic and supervisor is subject to approval by the CBS CEMS academic director. To have their topics approved students hand in a 200-word preliminary abstract to the CBS CEMS Coordinator (email pdf document to cems@cbs.dk) in which they define the topic of their research project and *tentatively* formulate their major research question. Deadline for doing this is **February 25, 2011 at 12 pm**. This is also the deadline for establishing contact with a supervisor and submitting the choice of supervisor to the CBS CEMS Coordinator for approval by the academic director. Supervisors can be recruited both at the home or the host institution.

NB: The project counts for 7.5 ECTS as a CEMS MIM elective, and no credit will be awarded toward the CBS cand.merc./cand.merc.int. (MSc./MSc.Int.) degree.

2) Guidelines for CBS CEMS students spending their semester at another CEMS institution

You are required to observe the procedures and deadlines listed in 1) above concerning choice of topic and supervisor.

3) Guidelines for incoming CEMS students at CBS

The choice of topic and supervisor is subject to approval by the CEMS academic director of the student's home institution. If an incoming CEMS student recruits his/her supervisor at CBS and submits the research project for grading at CBS, the student must follow the procedures and deadlines specified in 1) above. Please make sure that the CBS supervisor is fully notified of the rules and specifications governing the research project at your home institution. If a student spending the term at CBS recruits a supervisor from his/her home institution and submits the research project for grading at the home institution, it is for the home institution to define all the rules pertaining to the research project.

