

## Press release

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### **Merih Sevilir appointed as new professor at ESMT Berlin**

**As of June 1, 2022, Merih Sevilir will join the ESMT Berlin faculty as a professor of finance. The new professorship is part of a research collaboration with the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), where Sevilir will be the head of department.**

Merih Sevilir strengthens ESMT as a (full) professor in the area of finance. The position is designed as an s-professorship (so-called special professorship). These professorships are faculty members who have been appointed by a university and who also work at a non-university research institution. In addition to her professorship at ESMT, Sevilir will work at the IWH, where she will head the newly established department laws, regulations, and factor markets. This is the first cooperation between ESMT and IWH.

Prior to joining ESMT, Sevilir was a professor at Kelley School of Business at Indiana University Bloomington for twelve years. Her research interests include entrepreneurship, financing of innovation, venture capital, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings and corporate governance, labor and finance, and healthcare industry finance.

“Merih Sevilir is a great addition to our faculty. Her expertise and experience in finance are a great asset to the teaching and research at our business school,” said Tamer Boyaci, dean of faculty and research at ESMT. “We are very much looking forward to deepening our relationship with IWH.”

#### **About ESMT Berlin**

ESMT Berlin is the highest ranked business school in Germany and top 10 in Europe. Founded by 25 leading global companies, ESMT offers master’s, MBA, and PhD programs, as well as executive education on its campus in Berlin, in locations around the world, online, and in online blended format. Focusing on leadership, innovation, and analytics, its diverse faculty publishes outstanding research in top academic journals. Additionally, the international business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is a non-profit private institution of higher education, accredited by AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and FIBAA, and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all its activities and communities. [esmt.berlin](https://www.esmt.berlin).

#### **About the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)**

The Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) – Member of the Leibniz Association was founded in 1992. With its four research departments – Macroeconomics; Financial Markets; Structural Change and Productivity; Laws, Regulations and Factor Markets –, IWH conducts economic research and provides economic policy recommendations, which are founded on evidence-based research. With the IWH’s guiding theme “From Transition to European Integration”, the institute’s research concentrates on the determinants of economic growth processes with a focus on efficient capital allocation in a national and European context. Particular areas of interest for the institute are macroeconomic dynamics and stability, microeconomic innovation processes, productivity and labour markets, the dynamics of structural adjustment processes, financial stability and growth and the role of financial markets for the real economy.

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