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**7<sup>th</sup> Rostock Conference on Service Research**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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Therefore, the research focus of the Institute of Business Administration of the University of Rostock is dedicated to 'Service Management and Service Markets'. To further the scientific exchange on these topics, the institute hosts a conference in Rostock, covering recent developments in service research. The conference serves business economists, economists, business psychologists, sociologists or other service-oriented researchers.

We would like to invite all interested parties to participate in the seventh Rostock Conference on Service Research, presenting their research results. Formats will include oral (30 min. plus 15 min. for referent discussion and discussion) as well as poster presentations. **Contributions** from all areas of business administration and all disciplines researching in the field of services are welcome. The contributions could cover, but are not limited, to topics regarding the functional aspects of services (e.g. work system design, customer-employee interactions, the design of innovative services, services controlling) or research taking an institutional perspective on specific services such as financial services providers, tourism enterprises, tax advisors, auditors, or logistics companies. In line with the last conferences on service research in Rostock, the research committee will award the best poster. The opening keynote speech will be given by Prof. Dr. Andreas Pfungsten (Finance Center Münster, Institut für Kreditwesen, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster).

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