

## **Media interview in respect of the University's Research Day –Tuesday, 20 June**

### **Prof Dr. Hato Schmeiser: Research emphasis Wealth and Risk**

The fields of financing, bank economics, risk management and insurance economics are already intensively researched at the University. The aim of the research emphasis Wealth and Risk is now to foster these research activities and to primarily focus on common topics in the areas of Wealth Creation and Risk management. The research group consists of eight professors from the Business Management and National Economics departments as well as from the University of St Gallen's various institutes: Manuel Ammann, Beat Bernet, Karl Frauendorfer, Christian Keuschnigg, Heinz Müller, Hato Schmeiser, Paul Söderlind und Fabio Trojani.

The research emphasis Wealth and Risk's specific characteristic lies in its very broad economic and scientific basis. Consequently, the research emphasis will not limit the financing field to a few partial aspects, but different fields of knowledge such as, for example, the retirement-provision sector will be integrated into it. Mathematical, statistical as well as legal issues will also be part of the research emphasis. This fundamentally distinguishes the research emphasis Wealth and Risk from other universities' competitive research projects in respect of the finance sector and will, in future, provide the University with an important competitive advantage regarding the financial market research sector.

Through intensified research co-operation between project participants, the research emphasis will enable synergy potentials in sectors related to the fostering of up-and-coming young researchers, teachings, but also continued education and application-oriented research. Consequently, the research emphasis builds on the Swiss national economy's specific strengths: the financial services sector. One of the research emphasis's fundamental objectives is therefore to also strengthen and expand the Swiss financial community's pioneering position through the systematic integration of research results. The research emphasis Wealth and Risk strives to be highly relevant for both the science sector as well as the Swiss economy and, thus, for the entire Swiss society.