

# Master Thesis - Supply Chain Evolution and Trade Barriers

## Position Description

### **Background & description:**

“The evolution on supply chains driven by the experience of the COVID-pandemic accelerated by trade-limitations (incl Brexit)”.

The pandemic has impacted global supply chains in an unprecedented way by:

- Local shut-downs driven by country/regional governments
- Company-specific shut-downs driven by the appearance of COVID-cases
- Limited border-crossing possibilities due to border-closings
- Reduced travelling possibilities

The thesis should:

- Describe the impact more detailed
- Reflect on the reactions of different governments after that experience
- Possible reactions from automotive industries after the experience
- Highlight on-going trends from automotive industries
- Forecast the consequences for the future for global supply networks
- Identify which global supply chains are more sensitive than others
- Give recommendations on how global Purchasing organizations should govern their sourcing decisions

### **Student profile and application**

- Master students in Business or Engineering
- This master thesis project suits one or two students. If you apply together with someone, please write one cover letter and two separate resumés
- Geographical location: Gothenburg, Sweden. No travel needed

**Thesis Level:** Master

**Language:** English

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