In this insightful lecture, Professor Peter Hopkinson and Professor Markus Zils will explore the intersection of circular economy principles and data analytics to drive sustainable business transformations. Highlighting their pioneering work and research collaborations, the session aims to equip participants with strategies for implementing data-driven circular economy models effectively. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of measuring and evaluating the impact of circular practices in diverse industries, setting the stage for innovative sustainability solutions.

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