



**BPM Seminar Series**  
**What is in a Process Model beyond Structure?**

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**Abstract** Business process models have been heavily researched in recent years, and we have arrived at a considerable body knowledge that informs us on how to do verification, structural parsing, model synthesis, or behavioural equivalence checking. These techniques are not equally important to the various scenarios in which business process modeling is used. In a more interpretative setting, the domain semantics being revealed by text information in the model are the central anchor point of discussion. This talk sheds light on recent contributions that work on the textual information in process models. The talk is meant to be a stimulus for discussion, and therefore covers several loose ends of this emerging field, which is not yet as organized as the area of formal analysis.

**Speaker** Jan Mendling is a Junior-Professor with the Institute of Information Systems at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany. His research areas include Business Process Management, Conceptual Modelling and Enterprise Systems. He has published more than 100 research papers and 25 articles, among others in IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, Decision Support Systems, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology, Information Systems, Data & Knowledge Engineering, Formal Aspects of Computing, and Information and Software Technology. He is member of the editorial board of three international journals. His Ph.D. thesis has won the Heinz-Zemanek-Award of the Austrian Computer Society and the German Targion-Award for dissertations in the area of strategic information management. He is one of the founders and chair of the Berlin BPM Community of Practice (<http://www.bpmb.de>) and organizer of several academic events on process management. He is program co-chair of the International Conference on Business Process Management 2010 and of the International BPMN Workshop 2010.

