The minitrack, "Electronic Commerce and Supply Chain Management," focuses on systems and processes to support the flow of information within and between organizations which occurs in the context of procurement, manufacturing, sales, distribution of goods, information and services. Two areas in particular are at the core: electronic commerce and supply chain management. Both have seen significant developments in recent years in business practice as well as in the academic community, emerging technology, systems, and innovative process models. Also impacted have been algorithms and methodologies, as well as creative implementations of early adopters that have created a rich field for research and practical applications.

A total of seven papers will be presented in the two sessions of this minitrack. The first session introduces a number of concepts that assess the impacts of emerging technologies and electronic commerce on organizational relationships and inter-firm business processes. **Raupp and Schober** (best paper nomination) open the minitrack by introducing a formal approach to assess the strategic options of IT-supported organizational networks. **Bichler** then presents a classification scheme for the deployment of economic mechanisms in electronic commerce with a specific focus on negotiation processes. **Robinson and Elofson** continue the session by investigating whether the addition of market-making electronic brokers to a supply chain would increase the value of delayed product differentiation (postponement). The concluding paper for the first session looks more specifically at new technologies. **Weitzel, Buxmann and v. Westarp** outline an XML-based architecture to support business-to-business communication that could provide a viable alternative to expensive and inflexible EDI-connections.

The second session of the minitrack emphasizes supply chain management issues. In the opening presentation **Nissen** builds upon recent work on agent-based supply chain integration to propose a set of techniques and tools to integrate process and agent design for the supply chain in an e-commerce context. **Stricker, Riboni, Kradolfer and Taylor** then propose the application of market-based workflow management in setting up supply chains for services which then would enable new forms of relationship between customers and suppliers.

The minitrack concludes with a presentation that integrates the two previous sessions. **Alt, Grünauer and Reichmayr** use a case study to demonstrate how electronic commerce and supply chain management are inherently different and complementary at the same time.