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# Analyses for Supporting Decision Making Processes

TAIWAN - ITALY INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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# Seminar Overview

12 Hours

## ANALYSES FOR SUPPORTING DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

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### **Prof. Kashi K. Balachandran**

Bala K. R. Balachandran is Professor of Accounting and Operations Management at New York University, Stern School of Business and the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Accounting Auditing and Finance. Professor Balachandran has written and published over 65 articles in leading academic journals of Economics, Accounting and Management Science. This research spans a wide spectrum of areas such as optimal operation of service systems, incentive contracts and mechanisms, transfer pricing determinations, conceptualization of unused capacities and their optimal utilization, warranty contracts, quality enhancement programs and reporting, activity based costing systems and optimal performance evaluations. Professor Balachandran's professional experience includes analysis of costing systems and optimal operating designs, auditing, and consulting engagements in manufacturing, financial services and as expert witness on costing systems.

### **Course Outline**

Session I - "Managing Costs to Improve Profitability", Lecture, 3 hours.

Session II - "Common logic may be dangerous to product costing accuracy", Lecture, 3 hours.

Session III - "Value Adding Activities", Lecture and Case Study in Groups, 3 hours.

Session IV - "Fixed and Variable Costs", Lecture, 3 hours.

### **Pre-Reading Material**

"Classic Pen Company: Developing an ABC Model";9-198-117, September 17, 1998; Harvard Business School