

Practicing Supply Chains

Group Questions

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is SAP? How does it work?• How does SAP’s architecture contribute to the inability to visualize supply chains?
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is it difficult to track working conditions in all the nodes of the supply chain?• Explain how “small, workshop-like outfits” make supply chains robust and self-healing.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is modularity? Why are supply chains modular by design?• Explain how black-boxing enables supply chains to function. What gets erased with black-boxing?
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how blockchain and Internet of Things could help make supply chains more transparent. Why are specialists skeptical that they will ever work?
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What benefits would machine learning bring to supply chain management? Why would these benefits aggravate the “problem of selective blindness”?