



PhD Seminar on Companies and Markets 2017 Sustainable Market Actors in the Nordic countries

MONDAY 9 TO FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017

Venue: 'Kjerka', Domus Media West Wing, Faculty of Law, Karl Johans gate 47, Oslo

Final programme

(of 6 October 2017)

Note later start on Monday and early conclusion on Friday

Monday 9 October – Theme: Introducing Sustainability and EU Law

0945-1015 Registration, tea and coffee and fresh fruit

1015-1030 **Opening of PhD Seminar 2017**, by Jukka Mähönen

1030-1130 **UN Sustainable Development Goals: Significance for Business and Finance**,
by Beate Sjøfjell
Questions and discussion

1130-1230 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1230-1330 **Our European Company Law: Recent developments and remaining challenges**,
by Beate Sjøfjell
Questions and discussion

1330-1345 Tea and coffee break

1345-1445 **Our European Company Law: Recent developments and remaining challenges, continued**
Questions and discussion

1445-1500 Tea and coffee break

1500-1600 **Essay orientation**, by Jukka Mähönen (how to choose topic for essays and further follow up during this seminar and the follow-up session in January)

Quick presentation of all PhD students and their topics as basis also for brainstorming on essay topics



**Tuesday 10 October – Theme: Corporate law, corporate governance and
changing norms**

0900-0915 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0915-1015 **Financial risk as driver for evolving duties of the corporate board**, by Beate Sjøfjell
Questions and discussion

1015-1030 Tea and coffee break

1030-1130 **Allocating Liability When Piercing the Corporate Veil – Bypassing Broken Nodes**,
by Anssi Kärki
Questions and discussion

1130-1230 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1230-1300 **PhD presentation: The current issues affecting the independence of credit rating
agencies**, by Xiayang Chen
Questions and discussion

1300-1330 **PhD presentation: Public enforcement of directors' duties in a comparative perspective**,
by Felix Abetz
Questions and discussion

1330- 1345 Tea and coffee break

1345-1415 **PhD presentation: Group transparency in EU law** (presentation of part of thesis),
by Linn Anker-Sørensen
Questions and discussion

1415-1445 **PhD presentation: Regulatory dynamics of sustainability: policy coherence in EU business
and financial market law**, by Hanna Ahlström
Questions and discussion

1445-1530 Joint discussion

*1900 Dinner for organisers, speakers and presenting PhD candidates
Restaurant Theatercafeen, Stortingsgaten 24/26*



Wednesday 11 October – Theme: Companies and global value chains

0930-0945 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0945-1045 **Liability, chain responsibility and sustainable considerations - public procurement perspective**, by Marta Andrecka
Questions and discussion

1045-1100 Tea and coffee break

1100-1130 **PhD presentation: Creating job opportunities through public procurement and link to subject matter of the contract**,
by Johanna Sammalmaa

1130-1230 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1230-1330 **Due diligence as a driver for change? The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights**, by Mark Taylor
Questions and discussion

1330-1430 **Liability for Unsustainable Supply Chain Practices, Nothing Less**, by Jaakko Salminen
Questions and discussion

1430-1445 Tea and coffee break

1445-1545 **Setting the standard for corporate sustainability: Towards greater policy coherence between financial and non-financial reporting requirements**, by Eli Rudshagen

Thursday 12 October – Theme: The Role of Shareholders

0900-0915 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0915-1015 **The nature of shareholding and corporate governance**, by Alfonso Martinez-Echevarria
Questions and discussion

1015-1030 Tea and coffee break

1030-1130 **Different aspects of enforcement of shareholders' duties**,
by Konstantinos Sergakis and Hanne S. Birkmose
Questions and discussion

1130-1200 **PhD presentation: Non-binding shareholder resolutions in a comparative perspective**,
by Sadik Capa



1200-1300 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1300-1400 **Nordic Public Market Actors as Shareholders**, by Jukka Mähönen
Questions and discussion

1400-1430 **PhD presentation: the role of institutional shareholders in corporate governance: a comparative analysis between UK, US and China**, by Yaqi Ding
Questions and discussion

1430-1445 Tea and coffee break

1445-1545 **Joint discussion on regulation of shareholders: developments and trends**

*1600-1800 Reception with Book launch: Shareholders' Duties (Hanne S. Birkmose, ed.).
Tapas and drinks – Viggo Hagstrøms sal, Department of Private Law*

Friday 13 October – Towards Sustainable Market Actors

0900-0915 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0915-1015 **Shareholders' Duties as Vehicle for a Transformation of EU Company Law**,
by Hanne S. Birkmose.
Questions and discussion

1015-1030 Tea and coffee break

1030-1130 **Presentation of ongoing comprehensive analysis of regulatory complexity of market actors**, by Beate Sjøfjell
Questions and discussion

1130-1145 **Closing of seminar and information about follow-up**, by Hanne Birkmose and Beate Sjøfjell

1145-1245 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

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