



Cambridge Handbook Symposium

12-14 March 2018

Programme

MONDAY 12 MARCH

08.45-09.30 Registrations, coffee, tea and fresh fruit

09.30-09.45 Welcome and tour de table

09.45-10.05: Setting the corporate sustainability scene. Introductory remarks by the editors

10.05-11.30: Part I: Global business and fragmented regulation

- Editors' introduction to Part I
- Chapter 2: Trade, Investment and corporate sustainability, Tonia Novitz and Clair Gammage (presenting author, via Skype/video)
- (Chapter 3: A Critical Analysis of Extraterritorial Attempts at Addressing Challenges to Sustainability, Jingchen Zhao)*
- Chapter 4: De-fragmenting transnational business responsibility: principles and process, Karen Morrow and Holly Cullen, Law School
- Chapter 5: Sustainability and the Move from Corporate Governance to Governance Through Contract, Jaakko Salminen
- Joint discussion

11.30-11.45 Short break

11.45-13.10: Part II: Corporate law, financial markets and sustainability

- Editors' introduction to Part II
- Chapter 6: The History of Shareholder Primacy, from Adam Smith through the Rise of Financialism, Judd F Sneirson (via Skype/video)
- (Chapter 7: The political economy of the company and its impact on corporate governance, Lorraine Talbot)*
- Chapter 8: Financial markets, heterogeneous investors and intermediated capitalism, Jay Cullen and Jukka Mähönen (presenting author)
- Chapter 9: International Order of Corporate Taxation – From Market-Making to Sustainable Tax Regime? Jussi Jaakkola (presenting author) and Reijo Knuutinen
- Joint discussion



13.10-13.50 Lunch

13.50-15.30: Part III: Corporate Law and Corporate Governance; session a

- **Editors' introduction to Part III**
- **Chapter 10: Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability in the United States, Dana Brackman Reiser**
- **Chapter 11: Chapter on Canada (title tbd), Poonam Puri (via Skype/video)**
- **Chapter 12: The Australian Paradox: Conservative Corporate Law Values in a Progressive Culture, Victoria (Tory) Baumfield (via Skype/video)**
- **Chapter 13: Corporate Sustainability in New Zealand: An Entity Primacy Approach and Beyond, Susan Watson, Faculty of Law**
- **Joint discussion**

15.30-15.45 Short break

15.45-17.15: Part III, session b

- **Chapter 14: Chapter on EU corporate law and specifically on corporate groups (title tbd), Blainad Clarke and Linn Anker-Sørensen (presenting author)**
- **(Chapter 15: Chapter on the UK (title tbd), Andrew Johnston)***
- **Chapter 16: Chapter on the Nordic region (title tbd), Jukka Mähönen (presenting author) and Gudrun Johnsen**
- **Chapter 17: Company law and corporate governance in Germany: From stakeholder value to corporate sustainability?, Andreas Rühmke (via Skype/video)**
- **Chapter 18: Worker Participation, Sustainability, and the Puzzle of the Volkswagen Emissions Scandal, Matthew Bodie**
- **Joint discussion**

17.15-17.30: Closing of first day by the editors

18.30 - Dinner for all participants at nearby restaurant



TUESDAY 13 MARCH

08.30-09.00: Coffee, tea and fresh fruit

9.00-10.15: Part III, session c

- **Chapter 19: Corporate sustainability and shareholder activism in the Netherlands, Anne Lafarre (presenting author) and Christoph Van der Elst**
- **Chapter 20: Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability in France : An innovative old-fashioned model of governance, Véronique Magnier**
- **Chapter 21: The (Unsuccessful?) Quest for Sustainability in Italian Business Law, Alessio Bartolacelli**
- **Joint discussion**

10.15-11.05: Part III, session d

- **Chapter 22: Transforming socialist era corporation into Private Corporation. What went wrong with neoliberal prescriptions? Liviu Damsa**
- **Chapter 23: Chapter on Russia (title tbd), Carsten Sprenger**
- **Joint discussion**

11.05-11.20 Short break

11.20-12.10: Part III, session e

- **Chapter 24: Leveraging Economic Integration to Promote Sustainable Corporate Practices in Latin America., Alvaro Pereira**
- **(Chapter 25: Chapter on Brazil)**
- **Chapter 26: The impact of the corporate law shift from shareholder-led to 'director-led' governance system of corporate governance on the sustainability of South African companies, Tshepo H. Mongalo**
- **(Chapter 27: Chapter on Nigeria)**
- **Joint discussion**

12.10-12.50 Lunch

12.50-14.05 Part III, session f

- **Chapter 28: The Inclusion of Sustainability in Corporate Law and Governance in Mauritius: Enlightenment or Resistance? Renginee G. Pillay (presenting author), Soobaroyen, J. D. Mahadeo, N. Pariag-Maraye**



- Chapter 29: The Community Company as a vehicle for sustainability in the Solomon Islands: hopes, challenges and possibilities, Vij Nagarajan (via Skype/video)
- Chapter 30: What does it mean to be sustainable: regulation of the relationship between corporations and indigenous peoples, Grant Christensen
- Joint discussion

14.05-14.20 Short break

14.20-16.00: Part III, session g

- Chapter 31: Shareholder Activism and Corporate Sustainability in China: An Empirical Study, Chao Xi
- Chapter 32: Corporate governance reform and social norm as drivers for public companies' commitments to sustainability: the case of Japan, Souichiro Kozuka
- Chapter 33: Towards Corporate Sustainability in India, Harpreet Kaur (via Skype/video)
- Chapter 34: Chapter on Indonesia (title tbd), Benedict Sheehy and Cacik Rut Damayanti (presenting author)
- Joint discussion

16.00-16.15 Short break

16.15-17.05: Part III, session h

- Chapter 35: The Quest for Social and Economic Sustainability in Islamic Financial Institutions: The Challenge of the Two-Fold Governance Structure, Abdul Karim Aldohni
- Chapter 36: Corporate Sustainability in Hong Kong and Singapore: Leaders, Laggards, or Both?, Christopher M. Bruner
- Joint discussion

17.05-17.45 Joint discussion for Part III

17.45-18.00: Closing of second day by the editors

18.00– Reception with light food and refreshments for all participants



WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

08.10-08.40 Coffee, tea and fresh fruit

08.40-10.00: Part IV: Possible Drivers for Change; session a

- **Editors' introduction to Part IV**
- (Chapter 37: Disclosure Regulation in Corporate Social Responsibility- (New) Legalisation and New Governance Implications, Iris Chiu)*
- **Chapter 38: Certifying 'Good' Companies, Florian Möslin (via Skype/video)**
- **Chapter 39: Regulatory and Policy Coherence on Sustainability Reporting in Africa's Corporate Governance Framework: Lessons from Home and Abroad, Ondotimi Songi (via Skype/video) and Ayesha Dias**
- **Chapter 40: Is due diligence an effective approach to regulating global supply chain activities? Charlotte Villiers (via Skype/video)**
- **Joint discussion**

10.00-10.15 Short break

10.15-11.05: Part IV, session b

- **Chapter 41: Aligning Social Investing with Nature's Timescales, Benjamin Richardson (via Skype/video)**
- (Chapter 42: Shareholder stewardship: A Case of Re-embedding the Institutional Investors and the Corporation?, Dionysia Katelouzou)*
- **Chapter 43: Green Bonds and Beyond: The Regulatory and Corporate Governance Dimensions of Debt Financing as a Sustainability Driver, Stephen Park**
- **Joint discussion**

11.05-11.55: Part IV, session c

- **Chapter 44: NGOs, Sustainable Investors and Organised Labour Driving Sustainable Corporate Governance Reforms, David Monciardini**
- **Chapter 45: Gender as a driver for change, Lecturer Roseanne Russell, University of Bristol**
- (Chapter 46: Interacting Controls: How Laws, Reputation, and Morals Work Together to Promote Sustainability. Roy Shapira)*
- **Joint discussion**

11.55-12.35 Lunch



12.35-13.50: Part IV, session d

- **Chapter 47: Social Enterprise Law: Friend or Foe to Corporate Sustainability?, Carol Liao**
- **Chapter 48: The Cooperative as a Driver for Change, Ville Pönkä**
- **Chapter 49: The corporate board as key in creating corporate sustainability, Beate Sjøfjell**
- **Joint discussion**

13.50-14.20 Joint discussion of Part IV

14.20-14.45 Concluding remarks & closing of the Symposium by the editors

* These draft chapters will not be presented during the Symposium, but should be read in preparation for each session.

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