**CARDIFF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE RESEARCH GROUP**

**The 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Friday 17 September 2021 on ZOOM**

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| 9.00 | Welcome |
| 9.15 | **Keynote 1:** Governance through ownership and sustainable corporate governance Prof. Marc Goergen (IE Business School, Spain) |
| 10.00 | **Session 1 – Governance and climate change** (Chair: Arman Eshraghi) |
|  | “Temperature change and companies’ cash policies”  Dimitrios Gounopoulos (University of Bath, UK) and Yu Zhang  Discussant: Van Phan (University of the West of England, UK) |
|  | “Climate risks: how board affects banking stability?”  Quynh Anh Do, Van Phan (University of the West of England, UK) and Tam Nguyen  Discussant: Panayiotis Papakyriakou (Southampton University, UK) and Laima Spokeviciute (Cardiff University, UK) |
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| 11.00 | Break |
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| 11.10 | **Keynote 2:** Governance and Policy  Mr Ken Skates MS (Former Minister for Economy, Welsh Government, UK) |
| 11.30 | **Session 2 – Culture and investment** (Chair: Asma Mobarek)  “National culture and corporate investment efficiency”, Wissam Abdullah (Lebanese American University, Lebanon), Svetlana Mira and Abed Al-Nasser Abdallah  Discussant: Tarek Metwally (University of Nottingham, UK)  “Both red and green? Value of political connections and CSR in China’s cross-border M&As”, Xianmin Liu (Queen Mary University of London, UK), Gulnur Muradoglu and Ni Peng  Discussant: Wissam Abdullah (Lebanese American University, Lebanon) |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 13.00 | **Keynote 3:** Corporate governance in a post-Brexit and post-pandemic world  Prof. Konstantinos Stathopoulos (The University of Manchester, UK) |
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| 13.45 | **Session 3 – Board diversity** (Chair: Oksana Pryshchepa) |
|  | “Board diversity: dissimilarities in directors’ nationalities and firm value”  Tarek Metwally (University of Nottingham, UK), Jing Chen, Elisabeth Dedman,  Ja Ryong Kim and Andrew W. Stark |
|  | Discussant: Qian Song (De Montfort University, UK)  “Banker directors on board of corporate tax avoidance”, Wenjie Ding, Iftekhar Hasan, Qian Song (De Montfort University, UK) and Qingwei Wang  Discussant: Svetlana Mira (Cardiff University, UK) |
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| 14.45 | Break |
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| 15.00 | **Session 4 – Governance-law nexus** (Chair: Demetra Arsalidou) |
|  | “Understanding the relevance of management performance in companies undergoing Chapter 11 reorganisation”, Kolja Rafferty (IE Business School, Spain)  Discussant: Onur Tosun (Cardiff University, UK) |
|  | “Corporate conscience”, Caleb Griffin (University of Arkansas, US)  Discussant: Kolja Rafferty (IE Business School, Spain) |
| 16:00 | Break |
| 16.15 | **Session 5 – Shareholder activism** (Chair: Izidin El Kalak)  “Shareholder activism and gender bias”  Jana P. Fidrmuc, Jesus Gorrin (Warwick Business School, UK) and Jiaqi Zhao  Discussant: Laurent Bouton (Georgetown University, US)  “Threat of hedge fund activism and risky investments”  Emil Lakkis (University of Michigan, US)  Discussant: Jesus Gorrin (Warwick Business School, UK)  “Voting in shareholders’ meetings”, Laurent Bouton (Georgetown University, US), Aniol Llorente-Saguer, Antonin Mace and Dimitrios Xefteris  Discussant: Emil Lakkis (University of Michigan, US) |
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| 17.45 | Conference close |
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N.B. 20 minutes for the presentation, 5 minutes for the discussion and 5 minutes for Q&A