

Call for Papers, Spring Term 2023

GLOBAL CORPORATE LAW SEMINAR SERIES

Corporate Purpose

Theme

The Global Corporate Law Seminar Series's Spring Term will focus on the Corporate Purpose.

Most jurisdictions are currently grappling with questions about what each individual company's purpose should be and how to regulate these issues, if at all. The more traditionalist approaches suggest that companies should exist purely to further the interests of shareholders, but these views are on the decline. Most scholars also reject the opposite view which proposes a pure stakeholder approach, and even argue that there is a false dichotomy between the two approaches. These issues are exacerbated when dealing with large-scale multinational companies which are far removed from their customer base and larger than some of the governments which they deal with. Papers will seek to explore these debates using different approaches, including case studies and empirical, comparative and theoretical expositions.

Format

The Global Corporate Law Seminar Series has both an in person and virtual component.

The Spring Term will be held entirely virtually. To encourage participation around what can be in some jurisdictions politically sensitive topics and to protect your privacy, we do not record any online meetings.

Other follow up workshops and conferences will be organised shortly afterwards in an in person format.

Submissions

Please send a 250 word abstract and short CV to Seminar.CorporateLaw@anu.edu.au by 1 December 2022.

About the Global Corporate Law Seminar Series

The [Global Corporate Law Seminar Series](#) brings together those exploring the company regulation from around the globe. In the present era of de-globalisation, policy-makers have been either slow, reluctant or unwilling to recognise the importance of global exchanges. Following the disruption to supply chains in the wake of Brexit and now the conflict in Ukraine, there is now widespread acknowledgement that commerce is global in nature. Yet, the international commercial exchanges are not themselves new. Companies have long looked to new markets to expand and entrepreneurs have built new customer bases overseas since time immemorial. Traders have often sought finance, agents or intermediaries to facilitate the sale of goods. Law influences the terms of commercial transactions at all levels.

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