

Call for Papers, Spring Term 2024

GLOBAL CORPORATE LAW SEMINAR SERIES

CSR, ESG and Woke Capitalism – Where Do We Stand and Where Are We Heading?

Theme

The Global Corporate Law Seminar Series' Spring Term 2024 will focus on CSR/ESG.

Before the financial crisis the integration of stakeholder issues was discussed in terms of corporate social responsibility. Since the crisis the debate has focused on environmental, social and governance issues with a view to enhancing shareholder value while at the same time acting responsibly towards stakeholder concerns. Most recently the integration of stakeholder concerns into corporate law has become described as woke capitalism. It is time to take stock on where we are and where we are likely to be going. We invite contributions on a wide range of topics such as:

- Stewardship
- Corporate purpose
- Stakeholders in corporate groups and supply chains
- Corporate sustainability due diligence
- Sustainability reporting and audit
- Employees in corporate governance
- Directors' duties
- Sustainable finance

Format

The Global Corporate Law Seminar Series operates 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 s.wheeler@bbk.ac.uk by 14 February 2024.

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.

It is organised by [Dr Victoria Barnes](#) (Queen's University Belfast), [Dr Jonathan Hardman](#) (University of Edinburgh), [Professor Eva Micheler](#) (London School of Economics) and [Professor Sally Wheeler](#) (Birkbeck, University of London)