

A Two Day Event on Responsible Capitalism

15th - 16th September 2022

DAY 1: RESPONSIBLE ENTERPRISE



THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2022 09:45 - 16:30

VENUE: BORSA ITALIANA. PALAZZO MEZZANOTTE

Online registration here

The first day will bring together academics and practitioners to discuss purpose and family enterprise in a comparative perspective.

09:00 Registration

09:45 Introduction

Claudia Parzani
Herman Daems
Patrizia Grieco
Chair, Borsa Italiana
Chair, ECGI
Chair, Assonime

10:15 Session 1: Business Purpose and Benefit Corporations

There are divergent views on what the purpose of business is or should be the purpose of business and, while discussions have been in progress for a long time, their intensity and significance are increasing. The reasons for this are that there is growing recognition of mounting problems in relation to the environmental, human, and social impacts of companies but little consensus about their causes and even less about their appropriate remedies. To some these problems reflect a deficiency of the design and enforcement of traditional tools of antitrust, regulation, and taxation. To others, conventional tools are not adequate, sufficient, or efficient means of dealing with the problems. Session 2 will discuss and contrast these different views.

Moderator: Margherita Bianchini Assonime

Academic Briefing: Colin Mayer University of Oxford and ECGI

Academic discussant: Jennifer Hill Monash and ECGI

Panel:

Michele Crisostomo Chair, ENEL
Matteo Del Fante CEO, Poste Italiane

Andrea Sironi Chair, Assicurazioni Generali

11:45 Coffee Break

12:10 Session 2: Corporate Control

Institutional investors generally oppose dual class a structures and tenure voting because they make corporate control uncontestable. In contrast, control enhancing mechanisms can prevent "amoral drift"; incumbents can pursue socially desirable actions that do not maximise shareholder without

the threat of a hostile takeover or loosing board control. Should "pro-social" investors promote the use of dual-class shares? Should institutional shareholder have counterveiling powers, like representation on the nominations committee or voting lists?

Moderator: Chiara Mosca CONSOB

Briefing: Marco Becht Solvay Brussels School and ECGI Discussant: Francesco Gianni Founder Gianni & Origoni

Panel:

Luca Garavoglia Chair, Campari Group

Pietro Salini CEO, Webuild Andrea Vismara CEO, Equita

13:40 Lunch

14:45 Session 3: Family Enterprise

Family businesses represent a key driver for supporting the transition toward a sustainable economy as they globally dominate some of the key sectors that have a significant environmental and social impact. Considering their governance features and ownership structure, are family enterprises more oriented to pursue the company's sustainable success in the long run? What governance measures could support and preserve their commitment toward a long-term sustainability of their businesses? A significant part of family enterprises is represented by SMEs: how do they tackle with sustainability opportunies and risks and what are the obstacles they encounter along this path?

Moderator: Marco Ventoruzzo Bocconi University and ECGI Academic Briefing: Morten Bennedsen Insead, CBS and ECGI Mary Johnstone-Louis Oxford and ECGI

Panel:

Veronica Buzzi Chair, Buzzi Unicem
Matteo Liberali CEO. LU-VE

Andrea Munari Chair, BNL Paribas Group

16:15 Closing remarks

Fabrizio Testa CEO, Borsa Italiana



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DAY 2: RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



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FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022 09:00 - 18:30

VENUE: BOCCONI UNIVERSITY

Online registration here

The morning of second day will feature four academic presentations on **responsible investing** from leading scholars in economics, finance, law, and other disciplines. The studies will explore topics such as the motivations of responsible investors, the real impact of responsible investing strategies on firms' ESG policies, ESG disclosure, and investors' engagement, among others.

The event will also feature a panel focused on "ESG engagement in concentrated ownership companies", which includes both listed state-owned enterprises and family firms. The panel will explore whether and how investors can influence the ESG conduct of these firms and what the specific challenges are for them to do so. The panel will include experts from both academia and practice.

08:30 REGISTRATION (1) - PUBLIC

09:00 Welcome address

Caroline Flammer Columbia and ECGI **Marco Ventoruzzo** Bocconi University

Session 1 Moderator: Giovanni Strampelli Bocconi University

09:15 Presentation 1 | Do ESG Mutual Funds Deliver on Their Promises?

(Quinn Curtis, Jill E. Fisch, Adriana Robertson)

Presenter: Quinn Curtis University of Virginia

Jill Fisch University of Pennsylvania and ECGI
Discussant: Guido Ferrarini University of Genoa and ECGI

09:55 Presentation 2 | The EU Taxonomy and the Syndicated Loan Market

(Zacharias Sautner, Jing Yu, Rui Zhong, Xiaoyan Zhou)

Presenter: Xiaoyan Zhou University of Oxford

Discussant: **Jean-Stéphane Mésonnier** Sciences Po, Banque de France

10:35 Coffee Break

Session 2 Moderator: Caroline Flammer Columbia and ECGI

11:00 Presentation 3 | Net-Zero Carbon Portfolio Alignment

(Patrick Bolton, Marcin T. Kacperczyk, Frédéric Samama)

Presenter: Patrick Bolton Columbia University and ECGI

Discussant: David Zerbib Boston University, EDHEC

11:40 Presentation 4 | Decarbonizing Institutional Investor Portfolios

(Vaska Atta-Darkua, Simon Glossner, Philipp Krueger, Pedro Matos)

Presenter: Philipp Krüger University of Geneva and ECGI
Discussant: Hannes Wagner Bocconi University and ECGI

12:20 Panel | ESG engagement in concentrated ownership companies

Laura Starks University of Texas at Austin and ECGI

Friederike Helfer Partner, Cevian Capital

Michael Herskovich Global Head of Stewardship, BNP Paribas Asset Management

13:30 Lunch

The afternoon will feature the ECGI General Assembly Meeting, the award of the two Working Paper Prizes and the distinguished 2022 Wallenberg Lecture, followed by a dinner.

14:15 REGISTRATION (2) – ECGI MEMBERS ONLY

14:30 ECGI General Assembly Meeting (members only)

Herman Daems
Marco Becht
Chair, ECGI and BNP Paribas Fortis
Solvay Brussels School and ECGI

15:30 REGISTRATION (3) – PUBLIC

16:00 ECGI Working Paper Prize Sessions

Luca Enriques Chair, ECGI Research Committee and University of Oxford

Intesa Sanpaolo Finance Prize

Mike BurkartEditor, ECGI Finance Series and LSEPaola TagliaviniMember of the Board, Intesa Sanpaolo

Prize Paper I Creating Controversy in Proxy Voting Advice (Andrey Malenko, Nadya Malenko, and Chester Spatt)

Cleary Gottlieb Law Prize

Geneviève Helleringer University of Oxford, ESSEC and ECGI

Roberto Bonsignore Cleary Gottlieb

Prize Paper | The Corporate Governance Machine (Dorothy S. Lund, Elizabeth Pollman)

Elizabeth Pollman University of Pennsylvania Law School

16:30 The 2022 Wallenberg Lecture

Welcome:

Gianmario Verona Rector, Bocconi

Marco Becht Executive Director, ECGI

Moderator:

Rajna Gibson University of Geneva and ECGI

Introduction:

Petra Hedengran General Counsel and Head of Corporate Governance,

Investor AB

Speaker:

Laura Starks University of Texas at Austin and ECGI

Discussant:

Guido Fürer Group Chief Investment Officer, Swiss Re

18:15 Concluding remarks

19:00 Reception and Dinner (members only)







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