

Law & Business Conference
Vanderbilt Law School/Ghent Law School
May 20-21, 2022

Friday May 20 : 9.00 a.m. -18.00 p.m.

Venue: Kapittelzaal, St Pieter's Abbey, Sint-Pietersplein 9, Ghent

9.15 Opening – Dean Michel Tison (UGent)

A. Sustainability and Governance 9.30-12.30

1. Paul Davies (Oxford University) --The EU Commission's draft corporate sustainability due diligence directive
2. Karsten E. Sörensen (Aarhus University) -- Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in groups of companies

Respondent: Alexander Schall (Leuphana)

Coffee Break 10.50-11.10

3. Wolf-Georg Ringe (Hamburg and Oxford) -- Investor-led Sustainability in Corporate Governance
4. Hans De Wulf (UGent) -- ESG Liability (from group liability through CSDD liability to the merger between tort and human rights in a case like "Shell Milieudefensie")

Respondent: Claartje Bulten (Radboud Nijmegen)

Lunch 12.30 – 14.00

B. Financial Infrastructure 14.00-17.00

1. Diederik Bruloot (UGent) – ESG worries in corporate insolvency restructurings
2. Amanda Rose (Vanderbilt) -- SPAC Mergers, IPOs, and the PSLRA's Safe-Harbor: Unpacking Claims of Regulation Arbitrage

Respondent: Ana Taleska (Cambridge and Ghent)

Coffee Break

3. Yesha Yadav (Vanderbilt) --Crypto Exchanges as Regulators
4. Evariest Callens (UGent) -- Market access regimes for central counterparties (CCPs)

Respondent: Eddy Wymeersch (UGent)

17.10 -17.45 keynote speech: Luca Enriques (Oxford)– Dual Class Shares in the Age of Common Ownership

Saturday May 21 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Venue: Faculty Board room, Law School, Volderstraat 3, 9000 Ghent

C. Companies and their Actors

1. Morgan Ricks (Vanderbilt) -- How Deals Die
2. Brian Broughman (Vanderbilt)— Risk-Seeking Governance

Respondent: Sofie Cools (Leuven)

Coffee break

3. Christoph Van der Elst (UGent and Tilburg) and Anne Lafarre (Tilburg) --Shareholders Questioning the Board
4. Thomas Papadopoulos (Cyprus) -- Screening of foreign direct investments through European company law

Respondent: Hans De Wulf

13.00: group lunch for those who want to join (venue to be communicated later)

Venues:

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Saturday: Law School, Faculty boardroom, Volderstraat 3 (ground floor, first room on the left in the courtyard)

Welcome dinner Thursday May 19: at *Brasserie Ha'*, Kouter 3, Ghent (*Handelsbeurs* building)

Conference dinner Friday May 20: at *Domestica*, Onderbergen 27, Ghent

Conference hotel: Ghent Marriott, Korenlei 10, 9000 Ghent