There is nowadays a growing consensus in academic and policy circles that regulating corporations, financial institutions, and markets ideally postulates a truly interdisciplinary approach. The DFG LawFin Center supports the quest for fruitful interdisciplinarity by gathering economists and legal scholars for a critical discussion of each other’s work. As part of its mission, the LawFin Center organizes a bi-annual interdisciplinary workshop series that will serve as a forum for discussions regarding topical challenges.

This winter, the DFG LawFin Center at the Goethe University in Frankfurt has joined forces with the Center for Law & Economic Studies at Columbia Law School to organize a Workshop on:

“Corporations, Private Ordering, and Corporate Law”

29th and 30th January 2024
15:30 - 18:30 CET / 09:30am - 12:30pm EST

Online via Zoom here
Meeting ID: 626 2274 0706, Passcode: 230440

Program Day 1: Monday, 29th January 2024, 15:30-18:30 (CET)

15:30 - Welcoming and Chairing
Casimiro A. Nigro (Goethe University and LawFin)

15:30-16:25 - Narine Lalafaryan (University of Cambridge), Private Credit: The Evolution of Corporate Finance and The Firm
DISCUSSANT: Assaf Hamdani (Tel Aviv University and ECGI)

16:25-17:20 - Nizan Geslevich Packin (CUNY Baruch College and University of Haifa), Board Observers
DISCUSSANT: Gad Weiss (Columbia Law School)

17:20-17:30 - Break

17:30-18:25 - Gunjan Seth (University of Southern California), Do Rights Offerings Reduce Bargaining Complexity in Chapter 11?
DISCUSSANT: Maya Shaton (Ben Gurion University and Columbia Law School)

18:25-18:30 - Concluding Remarks
Merritt B. Fox (Columbia Law School and ECGI)
Program Day 2: Tuesday, 30th January 2024, 15:30-18:30 (CET)

15:30 - Reconvening and Chairing
Gad Weiss (Columbia Law School)

15:30-16:25 - David C. Smith (University of Virginia), Leveraged Finance
DISCUSSANT: Justin McCrary (Columbia Law School)

16:25-17:20 - Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci (University of Amsterdam and ECGI), Liquidity and Control within Organizations
DISCUSSANT: Martin Gelter (Fordham University School of Law and ECGI)

17:20-17:30 - Break

17:30-18:25 - Robert Bartlett (Stanford Law School), Standardization and Innovation in Venture Capital Contracting: Evidence from Startup Company Charters
DISCUSSANT: Ofer Eldar (UC Berkeley School of Law)

18:25-18:30 - Concluding Remarks
Tobias H. Tröger (Goethe University, LawFin, SAFE, and ECGI)

Presenters & discussants are allocated 20 & 15 minutes, respectively. A 20 min open discussion will follow.

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