



Corporations and Covid-19

A European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) Project

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15:00 – 18:30 CEST

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About this event

The Covid-19 pandemic is an unprecedented shock that has required unique responses from many corporations. Understanding how they have responded is of first-order importance for the fields of corporate governance, corporate finance and stewardship. While some insights begin to emerge, others will take time and depend on more complete data sets to become available, such as financial statements and governance records for 2020.

Such data typically comes from annual reports and proxy statements. US companies with a December 31 fiscal year hold their annual meetings in the spring. They typically file their annual reports by the end of March, but in 2019, some 30 percent of the 7,000 reports were filed in April and later. While firms also publish quarterly data, most release comprehensive annual data only 90 days after their fiscal year end, so the earliest date that a large sample of data on US firms will be available is April 2021. These dates may be similar or even later for firms in other countries.



To provide a forum for scholars analysing corporate responses to the pandemic that are informed by comprehensive datasets, The European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), in collaboration with the University of Oxford, the Review of Corporate Finance Studies (RCFS) and the Review of Financial Studies (RFS), is organising an online workshop in 2021 and subsequent physical conference in 2022 on 'Corporations and Covid-19'. The two events are part of a wider ECGI project funded by Norges Bank Investment Management.

To Register: <https://bit.ly/3wmvjJ4>

Programme

Thursday, 17 June 2021

(Timezone: CEST)

- 15:00 Welcome and Introduction
Paola Sapienza (Kellogg School of Management and ECGI)
- 15:10 Corporations and Covid-19: An Investor's Perspective
Carine Smith Ihenacho (Chief Governance and Compliance Officer, Norges Bank Investment Management)
- 15:40 How Covid-19 has affected the research landscape
Renée Adams (University of Oxford and ECGI)
- 15:50 *Break*
- Session 2: Working from Home*
- 16:00 **The Consequences of Working from Home: Evidence from Sell-Side Analysts**
(Russell Jame, Marc Painter)

Presenter: **Marc Painter** (Saint Louis University)



- 16:15 **Locked-in at Home: Female Analysts' Attention at Work during the COVID-19 Pandemic**
(Mengqiao Du)
Presenter: **Mengqiao Du** (University of Mannheim)
- 16:30 **Remotely Productive: The Economics of Long-Distance CEOs**
(Ran Duchin, Denis Sosyura)
Presenter: **Denis Sosyura** (Arizona State University)
- 16:45 General Discussion and Q&A
Discussant: **Margarita Tsoutsoura** (Cornell University and ECGI)
- Session 3: Survival*
- 17:15 **Corporate liquidity during the COVID-19 crisis: The trade credit channel**
(Benjamin Bureau, Anne Duquerroy and Frédéric Vinas)
Presenter: **Frédéric Vinas** (Banque de France)
- 17:30 **The Cyclical Growth of Public Firms and the COVID Crisis**
(Katharina Lewellen, Felipe Severino)
Presenter: **Felipe Severino** (Tuck- Dartmouth College)
- 17:45 **How to Outlast a Pandemic: Corporate Payout Policy and Capital Structure Decisions During Covid-19**
(Davide Pettenuzzo, Riccardo Sabbatucci, Allan Timmermann)
Presenter: **Riccardo Sabbatucci** (Stockholm School of Economics)
- 18:00 General Discussion and Q&A
Discussant: **Marco Pagano** (University of Naples Federico II and ECGI)
- 18:30 Closing Remarks
Renée Adams (University of Oxford and ECGI)
Paola Sapienza (Kellogg School of Management and ECGI)



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A second call for papers will issue in summer 2021 for the 2022 conference.

About ECGI

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