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08:15 Registration
08:45 Welcome: Professor Hideki Kanda (Conference Chair)

09:00 Morning Session (1)
Session Chairman: Curtis Milhaupt

Discussant: Bo Becker, Stockholm School of Economics

Paper 2: Shareholders and Stakeholders around the World: The Role of Values and Culture in Directors’ Decisions. Amir Licht, Radzyner School of Law, Herzliya
Discussant: Kenichi Ueda, University of Tokyo

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Morning Session (2)
Session Chairman: Allen Ferrell

Discussant: Oren Sussman, Oxford Said Business School

Paper 4: Leviathan Inc. and Corporate Environmental Engagement. Pedro Matos, Darden School of Business, Virginia
Discussant: Alexander Ljungqvist NYU Stern Business School

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 Afternoon Session (1)
Session Chairman: Dan Puchniak

Paper 5: Capital Allocation Efficiency of Firms Outside the Business Group. Woochan Kim, Korea Business School
Discussant: Alexander Wagner, Swiss Finance Institute, University of Zurich

Discussant: Holger Spemann, Harvard Law School

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 Panel Discussion I
Topic: The Stewardship Code
Panelists: Marco Becht (moderator)
Yasumasa Tahara, Financial Services Agency of Japan
Guy Jubb, former Global Head of Governance & Stewardship, Standard Life Investments
Ronald J. Gilson, Stanford Law School, Columbia Law School

19:00 Reception & Dinner

Dr. Takafumi Sato, President, Japan Exchange Regulation (former Commissioner, Financial Services Agency of Japan), will speak briefly after dinner on the subject of: “Disciplining Capital Markets: Roles of Principles”.


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