Investor Stewardship in an Uncertain World

Friday 27 May 2022
08:40 - 18:30 BST | 09:40 – 19:30 CEST
Hybrid event

Location
King’s College London

Organiser
Dionysia Katelouzou (King’s College London)

About the Event

For an ever growing number of investors, investor stewardship – the responsible allocation of capital and purposeful engagement – stand at the heart of their investment practices. What it precisely means, however, to be an effective steward of capital is hardly a settled matter. On the one hand, recent years have seen the soft-law principles of investment stewardship continue to develop in the UK and abroad and an increasing number of regulatory initiatives have been introduced with the aim to foster the efficient inclusion of sustainability in investment management and corporate governance.

On the other hand, the economic and social challenges facing the commercial world are ever in flux and the last number of years have seen changes in stewardship reporting and practices with the unprecedented uncertainties posed by Covid-19, climate change and global conflicts. This conference takes stock of how investor stewardship has come to be understood and practiced by investors who have taken up the mantle of stewardship over the last two years. This brings together regulators, academics and practitioners to discuss the challenges to the effective implementation of investor stewardship in times of uncertainty and how to plan for the future.

The conference will be concluded with the book launch of “Global Shareholder Stewardship”, an edited book which provides a cutting-edge and comprehensive understanding of global shareholder stewardship which challenges existing theories and challenges many of the most important debates in comparative law and governance.

The event is organised by the Dickson Poon School of Law at King’s College London in collaboration with the British Academy and ECGI and is part of the Global Shareholder Stewardship project.

Registration

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/investor-stewardship-and-covid-19-tickets-327921721697

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09:10 
**Investor Stewardship in an Uncertain World: Pandemic(s), Climate Change and Global Conflicts**

Marco Becht (Université libre de Bruxelles and ECGI)

Dionysia Katelouzou (King’s College London)

Discussants: Jennifer Hill (Monash University and ECGI) and Dan Puchniak (National University of Singapore and ECGI)

09:45 
**Adapting Stewardship Frameworks for a Changing Environment**

Moderator: Luca Enriques (University of Oxford and ECGI)

Panelists: 
- Mark Manning (Financial Conduct Authority)
- Emmet McNamee (UN PRI)
- Andrea Tweedie (Financial Reporting Council)
- Kerrie Waring (International Corporate Governance Network)

11:00-11:15 
Coffee Break

11:15 
**Stewardship Accountability and Reporting**

Moderator: Kornelia Fabisik (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)

Panelists: 
- Hans-Christoph Hirt (Former Head of EOS at Federated Hermes)
- Jane Firth (Border to Coast Pensions Partnership)
- Paul Lee (Redington)
- Marion Maloney (Environmental Agency Pension Fund)
- Peter Reilly (FTI Consulting)

12:45 
Lunch

13:45 
**Stewardship and Engagement: Navigating Disruptive Technologies**

Moderator: Eva Micheler (London School of Economics)

Panelists: 
- Michael Kind (Share Action)
- William Goodwin (Tumelo)
- Anna McDonald (Church of England)
- Jakob Thomä (2° Investing Initiative)

15:00 
**Varieties of Stewardship: Re-imagining the 'E', 'S' and 'G'**

Moderator: Paul Davies (University of Oxford and ECGI)

Panelists: 
- Caroline Escott (Railpen)
- Anne Foster (Quinsbrook Infrastructure Partners)
- Shireesh Vasupalal (GIC)
- Harlan Zimmerman (Cevian Capital)

16:15 
Coffee Break

16:30 
**Systematic Stewardship and Macro-Risks: What’s next for Investor Stewardship?**

Moderator: Jeffrey Gordon (Columbia Law School and ECGI)

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| 18:00 | **Global Shareholder Stewardship: Book Launch**                               | Stephen Barrie (Church of England Pensions Board)  
                     Deborah Gilshan (The 100% Club)  
                     Andy Griffiths (Investor Forum)  
                     Thomas Tayler (Aviva Investors)  
                     Sarah Wilson (Minerva) |
| 18:30 | *Drinks Reception*                  |                                                                          |
| 19:30 | *Dinner*                            |                                                                          |