



FIRM GOVERNANCE: LAW IN HISTORY

June 13-15, 2010

The sessions will take place at The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Trubowicz Building,
Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (Room 307)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

10:00

Greetings

Hanoch Dagan, Dean, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
Omri Yadlin, Director, The Batya and Isachar Fischer Center,
Tel Aviv University
Ron Harris, Director, The David Berg Institute for Law and
History, Tel Aviv University

Moderator: **Hanoch Dagan**, Law, Tel Aviv University

10:15-11:15

Enrico C. Perotti, Business, University of Amsterdam
Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci, Law & Economics,
University of Amsterdam
(with **Barbara Abatino**, Law & Economics,
University of Amsterdam)

Early Elements of the Corporate Form:

Depersonalization of Business in Ancient Rome

Commentators: **Joshua Getzler**, Law, Oxford University

Yoram Shachar, Law, IDC, Herzliya

Moderator: **Yoram Margalioth**, Law, Tel Aviv University

11:30-12:45

Eric Hilt, Economics, Wellesley College
*Bankers on Boards: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century
New England*

Commentators: **Yishay Yafeh**, Business, Hebrew University

Adi Ayal, Law, Bar-Ilan University

Moderator: **Hila Shamir**, Law, Tel Aviv University

14:15-15:15

Avital Margalit, Law, Sapir College
*Labor Movement Co-operatives in Mandatory Palestine:
Legal Transplants and Cultural Implants*

Commentators: **Timothy W. Guinnane**, Economics, Yale
University

Neta Ziv, Law, Tel Aviv University

Moderator: **Raanan Rein**, History, Tel Aviv University

15:30-16:30

Ran Abramitzky, Economics, Stanford University
(with **Zephyr Frank**, History, Stanford University, and
Aprajit Mahajan, Economics, Stanford University)
*Risk, Incentives and Contracts: Partnerships in Rio de Janeiro,
1870-1891*

Commentators: **Dror Goldberg**, Economics, Bar-Ilan University

Omer Kimhi, Law, University of Haifa

16:45-17:45

Aldo Musacchio, Business, Harvard University
(with **Aurora Gómez-Galvarriato**, CIDE and Archivo Nacional
de México and **Rodrigo Parral**, Economics, The University of
Arizona)

*Larger Menus and Entrepreneurial Appetite: An Empirical
Investigation of Organizational Choice in Mexico, 1886-1910*

Commentator: **Ehud Kamar**, Law, USC and Tel Aviv University

Organizer:

Ron Harris, Director,
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MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

Moderator: **Omri Yadlin**, Law, Tel Aviv University

9:00-10:00

Benito Arruñada, Economics & Business, Pompeu Fabra
University

*Institutional Support of the Firm: Theory and History of
Business Registries*

Commentators: **Itai Fiegenbaum**, Law, Tel Aviv University

Nathan Sussman, Economics, Hebrew University

Moderator: **Edward B. Rock**, Law, University of Pennsylvania

10:15-11:15

Brian R. Cheffins, Law, Cambridge University
(with **John Armour**, Law, Oxford University)

Offensive Shareholder Activism in U.S. Public Companies

Commentators: **Amir N. Licht**, Law, IDC, Herzliya

Uriel Procaccia, Law, IDC, Herzliya

11:30-12:30

Joshua Getzler, Law, Oxford University

Disciplining the Corporation through Tort Liability and Disability

Commentators: **Ariel Porat**, Law, Tel Aviv University

Talia Fisher, Law, Tel Aviv University

Moderator: **Michael Birnhack**, Law, Tel Aviv University

14:15-15:15

Naomi Lamoreaux, Economics and History, UCLA

Ron Harris, Law, Tel Aviv University

Common Law Contractual Flexibility:

Organizing Private Companies in the U.S. and Britain

Commentators: **Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci**, Law & Economics,
University of Amsterdam

Brian R. Cheffins, Law, Cambridge University

15:30-16:30

Timothy W. Guinnane, Economics, Yale University

Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, Economics, California

Institute of Technology

Making Do with Imperfect Law: Small Firms in France and

Germany, 1890-1935

Commentators: **David Gilo**, Law, Tel Aviv University

Ido Baum, Law, College of Management

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010

Moderator: **Shai Lavi**, Law, Tel Aviv University

09:00-10:00

Michael Lobban, Law, Queen Mary University of London

*'A Series of Melancholy Blunders': The Failure of the Albert and
European Assurance Companies, 1869-79*

Commentators: **Adam Hofri-Winogradov**, Law,
Hebrew University

Michael Crystal, Q.C., London

10:00-11:00

Sharon Hannes, Law, Tel Aviv University

The Rise and Fall of Managerial Adaptive Responses to

Incentive Compensation

Commentator: **Edward B. Rock**, Law, University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: **Amir Khoury**, Law, Tel Aviv University

11:30-12:30

Henry Hansmann, Law, Yale University

Mariana Pargendler, Law, Yale University

Voting Restrictions in 19th Century Corporations:

Investor Protection or Consumer Protection?

Commentator: **Omri Yadlin**, Law, Tel Aviv University

12:30-13:30

Harwell Wells, Law, Temple University

'Corporation Law Is Dead': Corporate Law at the Height of the

American Century

Commentators: **Susana Martinez Rodriguez**, Economics,
University of Murcia

David Hahn, Law, Bar-Ilan University