FIRM GOVERNANCE: LAW IN HISTORY

June 13–15, 2010

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010
10:00
Greetings

Hanoch Dagan, Dean, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
Omot Yadin, 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: Yshay 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
Ron 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 Mexico 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

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010
9:00–10:00
Benito Arruñada, Economics & Business, Pompeu Fabra University
Institutional Support of the Firm: Theory and History of Business Registers

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 Birnhaack, 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
9:00–10:00
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-Winogradow, 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 Yadin, 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

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