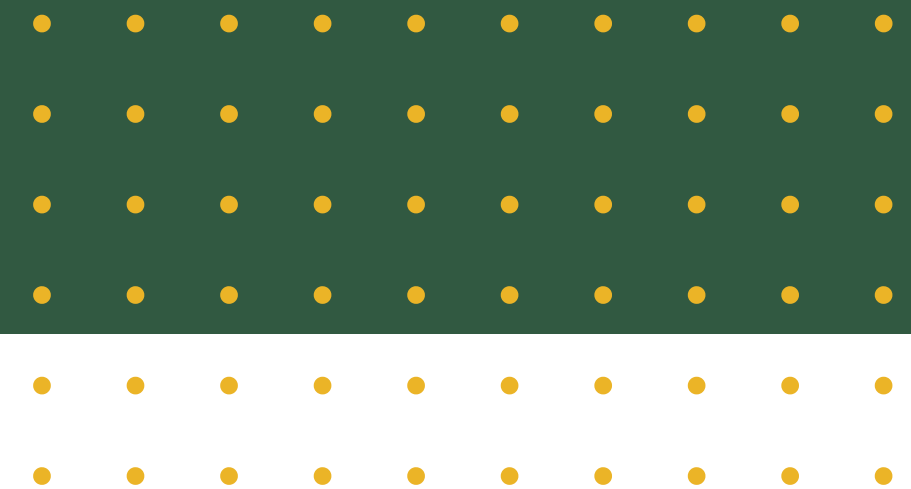


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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZER

Happy New Year! International business transactions involve so many different issues and topics, ranging from economic considerations to geopolitical risks to reputation management. It is only fitting to invite leaders in a broad range of fields to contribute to the conversation so that we may learn from each other, thereby improving our own research, practice and advocacy. I hope that you find the series insightful and thought-provoking and that we succeed in building a community in this virtual space. Thank you for joining the conversation.”





SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & GEOPOLITICAL RISKS
(Curtis J. Milhaupt | Paige Berges)

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(Carol Liao | TBD)

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(Fabrizio Cafaggi & Klaas Eller)

APRIL 7 THE CRYPTO WARS 2.0: TORNADO CASH & OFAC SANCTIONS
(Carla L. Reyes | Andrew Maxwell Hinkes)



January 13 | Corporate Governance & Geopolitical Risks

PRESENTER

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William F. Baxter-Visa
International
Professor of Law,
Stanford Law School

Curtis J. Milhaupt is an internationally recognized expert on comparative corporate governance, the legal systems of East Asia (particularly Japanese law), and state capitalism. He is a Fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) and an elected member of the American Law Institute.

In addition to numerous scholarly articles, he has co-authored or edited seven books, including *Regulating the Visible Hand? The Institutional Implications of Chinese State Capitalism* (Oxford, 2016), *Law and Capitalism: What Corporate Crises Reveal about Legal Systems and Economic Development Around the World* (Chicago, 2008) and *Transforming Corporate Governance in East Asia* (Routledge, 2008). His research has been profiled in *The Economist*, *the Financial Times*, and *the Wall Street Journal* and has been widely translated. He is the 2024 recipient of the Cleary Gottlieb Prize for his ECGI working paper, “The (Geo)Politics of Controlling Shareholders.”



DISCUSSANT

Paige Berges,
Principal Counsel,
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Paige Berges is Principal Counsel in the Office of General Counsel Sanctions team at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Prior to joining EBRD, Paige was Counsel in the Litigation and Enforcement Practice group at Ropes & Gray LLP based in London where she advised private equity firms, financial institutions, FinTechs, corporate, and NGO/charity clients on compliance with Economic and Trade Sanctions, Export Controls, Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-terrorist financing, and Anti-Corruption regulations, with a particular focus on pre-investment due diligence, post-investment monitoring (including regulatory reporting), and pro-active compliance programme building. Prior to that, she was the manager of the Business Integrity team at British International Investment (previously CDC Group) and Vice President, Sanctions Advisory at Barclays Investment Bank, also based in London, where she was responsible for advising on financial crime issues across debt, equity and markets businesses. Before relocating to London in 2015, Paige spent eight years in white collar defense and litigation practice at a global law firm in New York.



February 18 | Corporate Risk Disclosure and Fiduciary Obligations in Climate Emergency

PRESENTER

Carol Liao,
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Dr. Carol Liao is an Associate Professor at Allard Law and the UBC Sauder Distinguished Fellow of the [Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics](#) at the UBC Sauder School of Business. Her research focuses on corporate law and sustainability, climate governance, and social justice. She is the Co-Director with Professor [Naomi Klein](#) of the [UBC Centre for Climate Justice](#) and is the Chair and Principal Co-Investigator of the [Canada Climate Law Initiative](#), dedicated to advancing director knowledge on the latest in climate risk and fiduciary obligations.



DISCUSSANT

TBD



March 5 | ESG, Contracts & Compliance

PRESENTER

Fabrizio Cafaggi
Member
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Fabrizio Cafaggi is a member of the Italian Council of State (Supreme administrative court) and has held positions as a Professor at the Italian School of National Administration (SNA), at the University of Trento, and at the European University Institute, where he was the Co-Director of the Centre for Judicial Cooperation. He has taught in the United States at Columbia Law School, NYU Law School, and University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is a founding member of the European Law Institute and a member of the American Law Institute. He is co-coordinator of the Covid19 Litigation Project, under the leadership of the University of Trento and co-financed by the World Health Organization. He has collaborated with UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL on the theme of contracts and global value chains. He is the co-coordinator of a Unidroit working group on collaborative contracts in agrifood supply chains.



PRESENTER

Dr. K.H. (Klaas) Eller
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Klaas Hendrik Eller is Associate Professor at the Amsterdam Center for Transformative Private Law (ACT) and Program Director of the LLM in Transnational and European Private Law. His research interests are centered around the role of (private) law in social and technological change, particularly through an angle of contract and economic law, alongside comparative and private international law as well as human rights. He is currently working on a 3-year project 'Recoding Global Production: Towards a Legal Ethnography of Sustainable Global Supply Chains', funded by a VENI grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). He is a co-Editor-in-Chief of the German Law Journal, and editor of *Kritische Justiz*, and a member of the Amsterdam Young Academy (AYA).



April 7 | The Crypto Wars 2.0: Tornado Cash & OFAC Sanctions

PRESENTER

Carla L. Reyes

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Carla L. Reyes is an Associate Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law. Professor Reyes is a nationally and internationally recognized leader on issues raised by the intersection of business law and technology. Professor Reyes is a Faculty Fellow at the SMU Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity at the SMU Lyle School of Engineering, and serves as a faculty affiliate with the Initiative for CryptoCurrencies and Contracts (IC3) and the University College London Centre for Blockchain Research. Professor Reyes also currently serves as the Research Director for the Uniform Law Commission's Technology Committee, an Associate Research Director of the Permanent Editorial Board of the Uniform Commercial Code, and an Expert Member of the UNIDROIT Work Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement.



DISCUSSANT

Andrew Maxwell Hinkes

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Andrew “Drew” Hinkes focuses his practice on digital assets, advising financial services clients from startups to multinational corporations on a wide range of matters including securities regulation, payment systems and money services business regulation, lending and staking, secured transactions including digital assets as collateral, structuring and governance of DeFi protocols and similar applications, anti-money laundering compliance, non-fungible tokens, stablecoins and other related technologies.



**THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS AND
DISCUSSANTS FOR SHARING THEIR
EXPERTISE.**

