

Ius Commune Conference 2023

Workshop: Company Law EU Company Law and Governance in a Changing World

Thursday, 11 May (14.00 - 17.30)

Room 15

Participants

Perceptions of the role of companies in society are rapidly changing. This also has an influence on the role of corporate law and what is perceived as good corporate governance, and has led to various regulatory developments in the EU and its individual Member States. Where for many years soft law has largely been the preferred way to regulate corporate governance, there is an increased call for the legislator to intervene. This calls into question for example the future role of corporate governance codes. In certain jurisdictions, other aspects of corporate law are also changing. In the Netherlands for example the difference between public and private companies is decreasing as also private companies can be listed at the stock exchange. At the same time an increasing number of companies delists in order to avoid burdensome regulation. Another development that has important consequences for European Company law are the consequences of Brexit, and the way in which the United Kingdom is regulating its company law post-Brexit without the constraints – and benefits – of European Company law.

During this workshop we want to explore several of these developments further.

Chairs: Prof. Mieke Olaerts and Prof. Bastiaan Kemp (Maastricht University)

14.00 – 14.15 **Mieke Olaerts** (Maastricht University)
The Future Regulation of Corporate Law

14.15 – 14.40 **Michael Bakker** (University of Amsterdam)
Shareholder proposals and Sustainability

14.40 – 15.05 **Rob Bauer** (Maastricht University)
Effectiveness of Private Shareholder Engagement

15.05 – 15.30 **Manuel Lokin** (Utrecht University)
How the EU wants to Ensure Companies become Paris Proof

15.30 – 15.45 **Discussion**

15.45 – 16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00 – 16.25 **Irene Groenland** (University of Amsterdam)
Regulating Related Party Transactions in Listed Companies; A Comparative Law Perspective

16.25 – 16.50 **Damla Bos** (Maastricht University)
The Future of Company Groups from an EU Perspective

16.50 – 17.30 **Discussion and Closing**