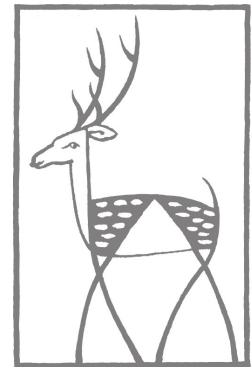


LCF Book Talks

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Programme and speakers

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| 2:30pm | Welcome by Prof. Mads Andenas KC , director of LCF |
| 2:40 pm | Prof. Lorraine Talbot and Dr. Andreas Kokkinis,
University of Birmingham, authors
Introducing this second edition of “Great Debates in
Company Law” |
| 3 pm | Prof. Charlotte Villiers, Bristol University,
Responding - Selected issues within the “great debates” |
| 3:15pm | Dr. Daniele D’Alvia, Queen Mary, University of London
Responding - corporate objectives and their evolution |
| 3:30 pm | Dr. Alexandra Andhov, University of Copenhagen
Responding - corporate governance in Big Tech |
| 3:45 - 4:30pm | Discussion round |

Mads Andenas KC, University of Oslo and The London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law

Professor Andenas is a co-founder and director of the LCF. His academic interest reaches across private and public international law.

Mads Andenas holds a Chair in the Faculty of Law, the University of Oslo (from 2008). He served as the Chair-Rapporteur of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention of which he became a member in 2009 (his second and not renewable term expired in 2015). In 2019 he was appointed an honorary Queen's Counsel. He has held senior academic appointments in the United Kingdom, including as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College, University of London.

Alexandra Andhov, University of Copenhagen

Dr Andhov is an Associate Professor in Law and Law and Technology at Copenhagen University (Denmark) and a Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School (Australia). Alexandra Andhov is Associate Professor specializing in Corporate Law and Law and Technology. Dr. Andhov is a founder and director of the renowned Copenhagen Legal Tech Lab at the University of Copenhagen, an interdisciplinary centre for law, technology and entrepreneurship. In 2024, she serves as visiting professor at the Arizona State University and Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School.

In 2022, Dr. Andhov's pioneering efforts were recognized with a prestigious grant from Inge Lehmann's Research Talent Program for her PROFIT Project. The Project takes on analyzing and re-designing the corporate governance of Big Tech companies like Facebook, Google, and Apple. Big Techs are among the most powerful agents in the world today, which use our data and utilize #AI to design products that predict our behaviour and push us toward their desired goals. This project aims to design improved corporate governance for Big Tech. The project is to run from 2023-2026.

Alexandra is an LCF contributor.

Daniele D'Alvia Queen Mary, University of London, Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Dr. D'Alvia is a lecturer of banking and finance at the CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London. Daniele is the author of *"The Speculator of Financial Markets. How Financial Innovation and Supervision Made the Modern World"* (Springer 2023) and of *"Mergers, Acquisitions and International Financial Regulation: Analysing Special Purpose Acquisition Companies"* (Routledge 2021). His interest is also in comparative law and in the role legal and personal ethics in the markets. Daniele is an LCF contributor.

Maren Heidemann, The London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law (LCF)

Dr. Heidemann is a co-founder and director of the LCF. She acts as academic convenor of its event series and as co-editor of the LCF book series *"LCF Studies*

in Commercial and Financial Law.” A German qualified lawyer, with postgraduate higher degrees from Nottingham University (2005) she has taught law at a number of UK and European universities since 2007, including the University of Glasgow and the CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London. Her main research interest is in commercial contract and transnational private law. Maren has published numerous monographs, book chapters and journal articles in this area of law, including the text book “*Transnational Commercial Law*” (Macmillan Higher Education/Red Globe Press 2022). She is also the editor of the forthcoming *Festschrift “The Transformation of Private Law – Principles of Contract and Tort as European and International Law. A Liber Amicorum for Mads Andenas*” (Springer May 2024).

Andreas Kokkinis, University of Birmingham

Dr Kokkinis has published widely in the areas of corporate governance, bank corporate governance and financial regulation, and engages regularly with policy makers and the media. His work has been published in journals such as the *Journal of Corporate Law Studies*, *Journal of Financial Regulation*, *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, and *Journal of Banking Regulation*. His research has attracted external funding from the British Academy and has been impactful having influenced a Greek Act of Parliament on the corporate governance of listed companies, an influential US shareholder advocate, a UK ethical investment firm, and a leading independent proxy voting agency.

Lorraine Talbot, University of Birmingham

Professor Talbot approaches company law and corporate governance from a law in context position, with particular emphasis on the corporation as a social, economic, cultural, moral and aesthetic phenomenon, and the dehumanising consequences of an identity which is distinct from the living actors. Her current research is concerned with two distinct areas; one, the company’s legal architecture and its relationship with growth and sustainability in a capitalist economy; (forthcoming article, ‘The Degrowth Tendency of the Modern Corporation’, forthcoming chapter, ‘Growth, Sustainability and Human Rights’ (Edward Elgar 2024).

Charlotte Villiers, University of Bristol

Professor Villiers is Professor of Company Law at the University of Bristol Law School. She specialises in all aspects of Company Law and Corporate Governance and has developed expertise in sustainability and ESG reporting and disclosure regulation. Her latest contribution to the issues debated in this seminar is “A game of cat and mouse: Human rights protection and the problem of corporate law and power” (*Leiden Journal of International Law*, Feb 2023). The role of corporations in human rights and environmental violations has been at the centre of Charlotte’s research for a long time.

The London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law (LCF)

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Law at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, UK.

The LCF has published four volumes of its own research output since its inception as part of its book series with Springer Nature as well as with Routledge (forthcoming).

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