



# PhD Seminar on Companies and Markets 2021

## European Company Law

**11-15 OCTOBER 2021**

Venue: 'Kjerka', Domus Media West Wing, Faculty of Law, Karl Johans gate 47, Oslo  
*with the possibility for participating virtually through Zoom*

### Final programme

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#### **Monday 11 October: On writing a PhD thesis; introduction of essay writing**

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*0900-0930 Registration, tea and coffee and fresh fruit*

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**Chair: Beate Sjøfjell**

0930-0945 **Opening of PhD Seminar 2021**, by Beate Sjøfjell

0945-1045 **What can PhD candidates in law learn from other disciplines?** A conversation between Hanna Almlöf and David Monciardini, with time for questions and discussion

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*1045-1100 Tea and coffee break*

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1100-1200 **Why should PhD candidates in company law care about legal history?** A conversation between Katja Tikka and Jørn Øyrehagen Sunde, with time for questions and discussion

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*1200-1300 Lunch break (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)*

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**Chair: Hanna Almlöf**

1300-1400 **What can law-and-economics mean for company law research?** A conversation between Jukka Mähönen and Beate Sjøfjell, with time for questions and discussion

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*1400-1415 Tea and coffee break*

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1415-1545 **Essay orientation**, by Jukka Mähönen (how to choose topic for essays and further follow up during this seminar and possible follow-up session in January)

**A round of introduction of all PhD candidates** and their topics, with their reflections on the first day of the seminar and expectations for the rest of the week.

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*1545-1600 Tea and coffee break*

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1600-1700 **What is the relevance of advanced technology for company law research?** A conversation with Dirk Zetzsche, based on a short presentation with time for questions and discussion

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## Tuesday 12 October: EU Company law and selected Member States

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0845-0900 *Tea and coffee and fresh fruit*

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0900-1000 **Our European Company Law: Recent developments and remaining challenges,**  
by Beate Sjøfjell  
Questions and discussion

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1000-1015 *Tea and coffee break*

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**Chair: Dirk Zetsche**

1015-1115 **Our European Company Law cont'd,**  
by Karsten Engsig Sørensen  
Questions and discussion

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1115-1130 *Tea and coffee break*

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1130-1300 **Company law developments and discussions in Germany, France and the Netherlands**  
Brief presentations by Anne-Christin Mittwoch, Christophe Clerc and Anne Lafarre, with  
plenty of time for questions and discussion

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1300-1400 *Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)*

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**Chair: Karsten Engsig Sørensen**

1400-1530 **Company law developments and discussions in Spain, Italy and Greece**  
Brief presentations by Mónica Fuentes Naharro, Alessio Bartolacelli and Christina Livada  
with plenty of time for questions and discussion

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1530-1545 *Tea and coffee break*

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1545-1715 **Company law developments and discussions in Lithuania, Sweden and Denmark**  
Brief presentations by Lina Mikalonienė, Hanna Almlöf and Hanne Birkmose, with plenty of  
time for questions and discussion

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1730 - **Dinner for organisers, speakers and presenting PhD candidates**

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## Wednesday 13 October: Comparative company law research

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0900-0915 *Tea and coffee and fresh fruit*

**Chair: Jukka Mähönen**

0915-1015 **Comparative law – theories and practical advice**, by Jaakko Husa  
Questions and discussion

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1015-1030 *Tea and coffee break*

1030-1130 **Doing multijurisdictional comparative analysis in a research project: experience from the Sustainable Companies Project and from the SMART Project**, by Beate Sjøfjell  
Questions and discussion

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1130-1230 *Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)*

**Chair: Alessio Bartolacelli**

1230-1330 **Comparative analysis of selected Asian jurisdictions**; a conversation between Ernest Lim and Luh Luh Lan, with time for questions and discussion

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1330-1345 *Tea and coffee break*

1345-1415 **PhD presentation: “The rise of benefit companies in Europe: a real way to reconcile profit and external constituencies?”** – by Elena Codoni

1415-1445 **PhD presentation: “EU Sustainable Finance Regulation – the interplay between securities markets, market participants and investors”** – by Elia Cerrato

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1445-1500 *Tea and coffee break*

1500-1600 **Roundtable discussion on comparative aspects in legal research, with emphasis on the PhD candidates’ research**

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1600-1615 *Tea and coffee break*

1615-1715 **Comparative analysis of common-law countries**; a conversation between Christopher M. Bruner and Carol Liao, with time for questions and discussion

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## Thursday 14 October: Law and social norms – shifting boundaries

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*0845-0900 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit*

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**Chair: Andreas Hökli**

0900-0930 **PhD presentation: “Operationalising the right to development in the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights as a right to sustainable development”** – by Elsabe Boshoff

0930-1000 **PhD presentation: “Director Misconduct and Stakeholder Protection: Recognition of the “Social Contact”. Principle and Lessons from Canada”** – by Clara De Chirico

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*1000-1015 Tea and coffee break*

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1015-1115 **The creeping codification of UN Guiding Principles of Business and Human Rights,**  
by Claire Bright  
Questions and discussion

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*1115-1130 Tea and coffee break*

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1130-1230 **Sustainability due diligence as an emerging legal norm,** by Charlotte Villiers.  
Questions and discussion

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*1230-1330 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)*

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**Chair: Elsabe Boshoff**

1330-1400 **PhD presentation: “The Influence of Creditors on Corporate Direction Across Common Law Jurisdictions”** – by Philip Gavin

1400-1430 **PhD presentation: “High frequency trading from a company law perspective”** –  
by Mathijs Giltjes

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*1430-1445 Tea and coffee break*

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1445-1515 **PhD presentation: “Shareholder proposal rule in Finnish Companies Act and shareholder activism – to reform or not to reform”** – by Lassi Salminen

1515-1545 **PhD presentation: “Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance in the Age of Corporate Social Responsibility”,** – by Joost Stam

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*1545-1600 Tea and coffee break*

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1600-1700 **Shifting norms in legal research: on feminism and intersectionality in company law,**  
by Carol Liao  
Questions and discussion

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*1700-1930 Reception - Tapas and drinks for all participants*

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## Friday 15 October: Possible futures of European company law

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0845-0900 *Tea and coffee and fresh fruit*

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**Chair: Beate Sjøfjell**

0900-1000 **European company law towards 2030**, by Christoph Teichmann  
Questions and discussion

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1000-1015 *Tea and coffee break*

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1015-1045 **PhD presentation: “Corporate Climate Responsibility”** – by Andreas Hösli

1045-1115 **PhD presentation: “The Shareholder’s Rights Directive II: Institutional investors’ engagement and long-term orientation”** – by Lavinia Palombo

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1115-1130 *Tea and coffee break*

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1130-1230 **Futuring sustainable Nordic value creation – academic reform proposals**,  
by Beate Sjøfjell and Jukka Mähönen (presenting author)  
Questions and discussion

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1230-1330 *Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)*

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**Chair: Jukka Mähönen**

1330-1430 **Round of reflections from the PhD candidates** about the PhD seminar and the outcomes in light of their own PhD projects.

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1430-1445 *Tea and coffee break*

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1445-1545 **Roundtable debate on the future of European company law**

1545-1600 **Closing of seminar and information about January session**, by Beate Sjøfjell

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