



ICGS

International Corporate Governance Society

Call for Proposals – Sixth Annual ICGS Conference

Conference Dates: November 13-15, 2020

Deadline for Presentation Submissions: May 1, 2020

The 6th Annual Conference of the International Corporate Governance Society (ICGS) will take place on November 13-15, 2020 at the [Strome College of Business](#) at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. The conference is intended to provide a forum for international academics, practitioners, and doctoral students to showcase and discuss the latest corporate governance research. Research proposals and papers that contribute to the body of knowledge in comparative corporate governance will be considered for this conference. Special consideration will be made for conceptual and empirical examinations of the influence of corporate governance practices on environmental sustainability activities and outcomes within and between firms and nations. The conference website can be accessed [here](#).

Paper proposals can take one of two forms: (1) an extended abstract for early stage research consolidated into 10 or less single-spaced pages, or (2) a full paper for more mature research written within 40 double-spaced pages. All proposals must be submitted through our online conference management platform, which is accessed through the ‘Conferences’ tab of the [ICGS website](#). The submission portal opens on April 1 and it closes on **May 1, 2020**.

Decisions on submissions regarding their inclusion in the conference program will be provided by **June 30, 2020**. All authors of extended abstracts whose research is considered the best in the conference will be invited to submit a full-length research paper of approximately 30-40 double-spaced pages by July 31, 2020. For those authors who submit full-length papers evaluated to be the best of the conference, they will also be notified of their nomination but no additional work is required after submission. The author(s) who win(s) this award will be recognized at the conference at our Awards Luncheon on Sunday.

Some highlights of this year’s conference include:

- Keynote Address by [Ms. Nell Minow](#) - one of the most influential “Corporate Governance Advocates” in the world who is currently advocating for the natural environment and sustainable investing;
- Many local attractions offered, including a free tour of the [Brock Environmental Center](#) - one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in the United States;
- Receptions on Friday and Sunday evenings, as well as lunches and break food included in the conference fees;
- [Conference hotel](#) is within walking distance to the conference site; an affordable price and conference discount is offered to participants if they register early;
- Professional and timely reviews of submissions by distinguished corporate governance scholars throughout the world (see track chairs on following page);
- Opportunity to get your conference paper published in a [Special Issue on “Ownership”](#) within *Corporate Governance: An International Review*;
- Two distinguished panel discussions – one by academics and the other by practitioners - sharing and debating their cutting edge ideas and pioneering activities related to corporate governance and sustainability;
- Optional Gala dinner on Saturday evening (details forthcoming).

CONFERENCE TRACKS. On the title page of each proposal, the author(s) should indicate which of the following six tracks in the program best fits the submission. The Track Chairs may shift your proposal if it is evaluated to better fit another track:

TRACK A: Special Theme - Corporate Governance & Environmental Sustainability. Conceptual and empirical studies of the relationship between these two concepts, broadly conceived, are welcome. In particular, we are interested in learning about best practices within national economies and private firms that help to accelerate the transition to more environmental sustainable economies. *Chair: Jordi Surroca (University of Groningen) & Josep Tribo (Stevens Institute of Technology)*

TRACK B: General - Boards. In this track, we explore the causes and consequences of effective board functioning. In addition, studies which open the black box that investigate what goes on within the boardroom are particularly of interest. Boards for all types of organizations are invited, including but not limited to public, private, governmental, and inter-organizational forms. International comparisons of various board characteristics and group or firm-level outcomes are of great interest. *Chair: Elko Klijn (Old Dominion University) & Jeff Reuer (University of Colorado Boulder)*

TRACK C: General - Ownership. This track explores the antecedents and outcomes of different types of owners. As such, the impacts of various types of owners, such as family members, government officials, venture capitalists, and foreign investors have been shown to influence governance practices and outcomes. Furthermore, different forms of ownership, such as debt and equity, influence governance practices as well. Anything related to property rights and corporate governance is the focus of this track. *Chairs: Maria Goranova (University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee) & Niels Hermes (University of Groningen).*

TRACK D: General - External Corporate Governance. This track seeks to understand how companies' strategic objectives and outcomes are influenced by external governance mechanisms, including but not limited to the role of property rights, disclosure regimes, external auditors, cultural norms, and the news media. This line of research shows that governance mechanisms can operate outside of the firm's boundaries. *Chair: Eduardo Schiehl (HEC Montréal) & Luiz Ricardo Kabbach de Castro (University of Florida)*

TRACK E: General - Self-Governance. Corporations sometimes pursue socially-responsible policies and practices while managers often pursue ethical norms that are higher than legal minimums, or fail to do so. Studies focusing on the challenges and benefits of achieving socially-responsible value creation in the current global environment as well as failures to self-govern, are particularly welcome for this track. *Chair: Steen Thomsen (Copenhagen Business School) & Jose Luis Rivas (ITAM, México)*

TRACK F: General - Non-Traditional Studies. For any corporate governance study that does not fit in the above five tracks, the author(s) can submit their work to this track. The track chair will either assign your submission to tracks A through E, or will process this manuscript. Non-traditional governance topics could include such topics as the governance of new technologies, non-traditional research methods, or general conceptual work outside of the tracks listed above are potential topics within this track. *Chair: Martin Goossen (Old Dominion University) & Mark Van Essen (University of South Carolina)*

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