

ETHOS DEBATE: IS CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PAST ITS SELL-BY DATE?



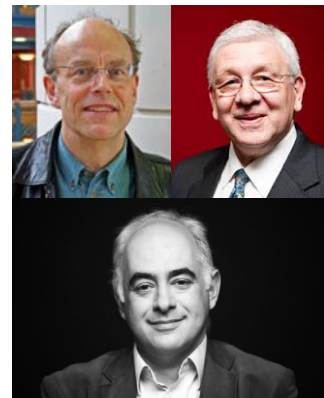
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When: Thursday 22 October 2015, 18:00-20:00
Where: Floor 2, Room N201, 200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4HD
Registration: 5:30pm for 6:00pm start
Close: after the debate there will be a drinks reception for informal discussions

Leaders

Speakers: Professor Hugh Willmott
Professor Bob Garratt
Cass Business School

Chair: Stefan Stern
writer and Financial Times columnist



Description

ETHOS: The Centre for Responsible Enterprise at Cass Business School invites you to debate the merits of corporate governance in the third in a series of events supported by the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants.

Effective corporate governance is seen by the public as increasingly necessary for the stability and legitimacy of organisations – private, public and not-for-profit – given the current context of multiple crises (e.g. sustainability, inequality and effectiveness). The UK has developed a corporate governance system of laws and regulation, yet it is hardly recognised by the public or by many of the organisations themselves.

What the public demands is the treatment of corporate governance and leadership as of national importance in response to a series of corporate governance failures, such as Tesco, Kids Company, the BBC, FIFA, The Co-op in addition to failures of financial services sector institutions that precipitated the financial crisis.

The legislators have resorted to quick fix regulations as an answer. Yet an increasing number of practitioners see that current corporate governance has run aground on the shoals of such ever-increasing compliance and regulations. Others consider that its current narrow, shareholder-centric design is unfit for purpose. The latest warning signal is the regulators' targeting, pushed by panicked legislators, of the fields of Values and Culture. How do you change or regulate values and culture without a significant redesign? Indeed, should regulators enter into such fields at all?

Format and Follow-up

The debate will consist of two ten minute statements by the debate leaders before opening the discussion to the floor. There will be no easy or painless way to resolve the issues addressed by the debate, but we may be able clarify and specify the key areas. We shall follow these through over the coming months with a series of Roundtable Discussions on the topics identified during the debate. These are scheduled at Cass for:

- 17th December 2015
- 28th January 2016
- 28th April 2016
- 2nd June 2016

Book your place

To reserve your place at the debate [please click here to go to the Cass booking system](#)

To apply for participation in the roundtables, please contact: Vincent.Rawley@cass.city.ac.uk