



14th Annual Corporate Governance Conference Agenda

Day 1: Thursday April 15th, 2021

Welcome remarks: Michelle Lowry (Drexel) and Marco Becht (ECGI)

Paper 1: CEO Pet Projects

Thursday Apr 15th
12 – 12:50pm EDT

Authors: Paul Decaire and Denis Sosyura
Presenting Author: Paul Decaire
Discussant: Scott Yonker (Cornell University)

New Ideas Session

Thursday Apr 15th
12:50 – 1:20pm EDT

Outsourcing Mutual Fund Management and
Voting Decisions
Simi Kedia (presenting author) and Xianjue Wang

A Theory of Capital Structure with
EPS-fixated Investors
Itzhak Ben-David (presenting author), Stacey
Jacobsen, Jack Liebersohn, and Tzachi Zach

BREAK

Paper 2: CEO Activism and Firm Value

Thursday Apr 15th
1:30 – 2:20pm EDT

Authors: Anahit Mkrtchyan, Jason Sandvik, and Vivi Zhu
Presenting Author: Jason Sandvik
Discussant: Zacharias Sautner (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)

**Optional Break-out Rooms with Authors
(begins after conclusion of last paper)**

Day 2: Friday April 16th, 2021

Paper 3: Board Dynamics over the Startup Life Cycle

Friday Apr 16th
12 – 12:50pm EDT

Authors: Michael Ewens and Nadya Malenko
Presenting Author: Nadya Malenko
Discussant: Audra Boone (Texas Christian University)

BREAK

Paper 4: Does Private Equity Ownership Make Firms Cleaner? The Role of Environmental Liability Risks

Friday Apr 16th
1 – 1:50pm

Authors: Aymeric Bellon
Presenting Author: Aymeric Bellon
Discussant: Ian Appel (Boston College)

Closing Remarks and Announcement of Best Paper and Best Discussant

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**Paper presentations will be held over Zoom and moderated by Michelle Lowry, Drexel University
Paper presentations will be 20 minutes, followed by a 15 minute discussion and then audience Q&A**

All times are EDT

