## 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) |
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**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 |
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### 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) |
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**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) |
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### 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) |
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**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**