2026 "Corporate Purpose: Yesterday and Today" Final Programme
Amsterdam Law School
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Monday 22 June		
09:15 09:45	Registration Introduction: Fatjon Kaja | Arnoud Boot	
10:00 10:45	Morning Session (1) Historic perspectives on corporate purpose	***Chair:*** *Vittoria Battocletti* (University of Amsterdam) **Paper 1**: Code or Contract? The Legal Foundation of the Limitation of Directors' Liability in the Dutch East India Company (1602 – 1623) ***Abe de Jong***, *Oscar Gelderblom* **Paper 2:** A Structural View of Corporate Purposes *Margaret Blair, Anna Grandori,* ***Stephan Leixnering,*** *Joseph T. Mahoney*
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 12:45	Morning Session (2) - Investing for values or for value?	***Chair:*** *Fatjon Kaja* (Goethe University Frankfurt) **Paper 3:** Corporate Value(s) ***Jill Fisch***, Jeff Schwartz **Paper 4:** Stewardship Inc. ***Rutger Claassen***
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 15:15	Afternoon Session (1) The tension between purpose and profit	***Chair:*** *Alessio M. Pacces* (University of Amsterdam) **Paper 5:** The Purpose(s) of Benefit Corporations: An Empirical Analysis ***Jens C. Damman*** **Paper 6**: Purpose Variation and Performance ***Steen Thomsen,*** *Frederik Hovmark Pedersen*
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 17:00	Afternoon Session (2) Stakeholders in corporate governance	***Chair:*** *Edoardo Martino* (University of Amsterdam) **Paper 7:** The Strategic Use of ESG Ratings in the Financial Distress in Europe ***Anne Lafarre*** **Paper 8:** Holding Directors of Controlled Companies Accountable? Evidence from Election Votes ***Kobi Kastiel***

17:45 – 18:00	Closing Remarks Alessio M. Pacces	
19:00	Dinner	Tête Zeeburgerpad 1, 1018 AH Amsterdam Dinner by invitation

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