Aim of the Conference

This one-day academic conference aims at creating a forum of discussion among distinguished scholars on the most recent and relevant practices and issues related to the following theme “The role played by governments in shaping corporate governance and corporate policies”. This theme includes, but is not limited to, the impact of government owned firms (State owned or newly privatized), Sovereign Wealth Funds, and political institutions, on observable outcomes at the corporate level.

The Program

09:00-09:20 Registration @ Sano Shoin Hall
09:20-09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks @ Sano Shoin Hall
09:30-10:50 Session 1: Privatization, Residual State Ownership and Performance
10:50-11:10 Refreshments break
11:10-12:30 Session 2: State Ownership, Corporate Diversification and Transparency
12:30-13:30 Lunch Break @ Sano Shoin Hall
13:30-14:50 Session 3: Firm Survival, Firm performance and Debt Overhang
14:50-15:00 Refreshments Break
15:00-16:20 Session 4: Market for Corporate Control, Creditors and Shareholders
16:20-16:30 Refreshments Break
16:30-17:30 Panel Discussion by Distinguished Scholars
17:30-17:35 Closing Remarks
17:40-19:40 Reception (Dinner) @ Sano Shoin Hall
The Detailed Program

09:00-09:20 Registration

09:20-09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Toyohiko Hachiya (Dean of the Graduate School of Commerce and Management, Hitotsubashi University)

09:30-10:50 Session 1: Privatization, Residual State Ownership and Performance
   Why Don’t Share Issue Privatizations Improve Profitability in China?
   William L. Megginson (University of Oklahoma & King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals Dhahran)
   Discussant Omrane Guedhami (University of South Carolina)

   State Ownership, Liquidity and Valuation: Evidence from Privatization
   Narjess Boubakri (American University of Sharjah)
   Discussant: Yukihiro Yasuda (Hitotsubashi University)

10:50-11:10 Refreshments Break

11:10-12:30 Session 2: State Ownership, Corporate Diversification and Transparency
   Bureaucrats as Managers and Their Roles in Corporate Diversification
   Joseph P.H. Fan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
   Discussant: Masaharu Hanazaki (Hitotsubashi University)

   The Rise of Authoritarian Corporate Intervention: East Asia in Global Perspective
   Richard W. Carney (China Europe International Business School)
   Discussant: Junko Shimizu (Gakushuin University)

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-14:50 Session 3: Firm Survival, Firm performance and Debt Overhang
   Forgiveness versus Financing: The Determinants and Impact of SME Debt Forbearance in Japan
   Arito Ono (Chuo University)
   Discussant: Shinwoo Kang (Sejong University)

   Going Concern Opinions and Subsequent Firm Survivals
   Sumio Saruyama (JCER and Hosei University)
   Discussant: Kazuo Yamada (Nagasaki University)
14:50-15:00 Refreshments Break

15:00-16:20 Session 4: Market for Corporate Control, Creditors and Shareholders

_Are Future Capital Gain Opportunities Important in the Market for Corporate Control? Evidence from China_
Konari Uchida (Kyushu University)
Discussant: Min-Ming Wen (Hitotsubashi University)

_When Japanese Banks Become Pure Creditors: Effects of Declining Shareholding by Banks on Bank Lending and Firms' Risk-taking_
Iichiro Uesugi (Hitotsubashi University)
Discussant: Masaru Konishi (Hitotsubashi University)

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*Insights on the conference theme including recent research topics and avenues for future research*

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※20 mins for presentation, 15 mins for discussant, and 5 mins for questions.
※Discussants: Please avoid extended summary of the paper.
※By registering for this conference, participants provide the organizers permission to use photos taken at the conference.

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