

Symposium
Critical Commercial and Corporate Law
26th-27th June 2018
The Harding Building Rm 418
University of Birmingham

Symposium Leader: Professor Lorraine Talbot

The symposium is designed to develop a book on critical approaches to commercial and corporate law and to enhance critical thinking in these areas. It brings together leading scholars in commercial and corporate law who will present their chapters for discussion and development. The dearth of critical texts in commercial and corporate law impacts on the way these subjects are treated in otherwise 'law in context' law schools. Commercial and corporate courses are often taught in a standardly doctrinal fashion. Few law schools attempt to draw out the contextual and critical aspects of these areas. This can be partly explained by their increasingly complex nature, making it difficult to cover sufficient law within the constraints of a standard module and thus limiting time for a more critical appraisal. However, this neglect can also be explained by these subjects relegation to core necessary subjects, which apply to practice but are not areas worthy of serious intellectual appraisal. They are expected to be difficult, dry and practical with no political significance, no radical implications and no intellectual credibility.

The symposium and the resulting publication will go some way to redressing this imbalance between subjects deemed intellectual and subjects deemed professional. The book will be published by Palgrave in their 'Great Debates' series.

Programme

26th June

- 10.30 - 11am Coffee and Welcome
- 11-11.15 am Professor Lorraine Talbot: Introducing the project
- 11.15am -1pm Professor David Campbell – contract law
Professor Charlotte Villiers and Ms Roseanne Russell – labour law *'Corporate Governance: Risk, Responsibility and Labour Relations'*
- 2pm- 4.15pm Professor Robert Burrell – intellectual property law
Dr Emily Hudson – intellectual property law. *'Explaining Copyright Law'*
Dr Peter Harrison – intellectual property law. *'Patents. A good idea gone bad?'*
- 4.15 - 4.45pm Coffee in the senior common room
- 4.45 – 6.30pm Dr Daniel Attenborough – company law. *'The 'ups' and 'downs' of corporate contractarian analysis'*
Professor Andrew Johnston – company law. *'Takeovers and Shareholder Primacy Corporate Governance'*

27th June

8.30 - 9pm

Coffee in SCR

9 - 10.45 am

Professor Lorraine Talbot – company law. *'Questioning the Company: Power, Growth and Value Capture'*

Professor Kerrie Sadiq – tax law. *'The Taxonomy of Taxation: Fiscal, Social and Economic Policy'*

10.45 - 11.15am

Coffee in SCR

11.15 - 1.30pm

Professor Andrew Johnston and Dr Jay Cullen – banking law.
'The Law of Banks and Money'

Dr Jay Cullen – finance

Dr Ewan McGaughey – pension law. *'How to democratise capital with better pension governance'*

1-30pm

Concluding Remarks: Professor Andrew Johnston