



Academy of Finland Research Project
*'Employee Participation and Collective Bargaining in the Era of
Globalization – Nordic and Chinese Perspective'*

Who are the Stakeholders? Comparative Perspectives on Corporate Governance and Employees' Role in the Corporation

**Research Seminar, University of Helsinki
7-8 May 2015
Unioninkatu 33, Helsinki, Finland**

*The event is free of charge, we however kindly ask all interested persons to register by **Wednesday, 29 April 2015** by completing the electronic form available from the following link: <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/59007/lomake.html>.*

7th May 2015

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00 – 9:30 Opening of the seminar

JUKKA MÄHÖNEN, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor, University of Turku

ULLA LIUKKUNEN, Professor at University of Helsinki, Director of the Finnish Center of Chinese Law and Chinese Legal Culture

9:30 – 10:30 Keynote: KATHERINE STONE, Arjay and Frances Fearing Miller Distinguished Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law: *Are Employees Still Stakeholders? The Role of Employees in Corporate Governance When Work Becomes Flexible and Workers Become Transitory*

10:30 – 12:30 Session I: Stakeholders and Constituencies in the Corporation

LORRAINE TALBOT, Professor of Company Law, University of York: *Enumerating Old Themes (Still)? Capital and Labour in English Company Law*

BEATE SJÅFJELL, Professor of Company Law, University of Oslo: *Promoting the Interests of the Company: What the Board Must, Can and Should Do*

TEEMU RUSKOLA, Professor of Law, Emory University Law School: *Corporatized SOEs and the Reconstitution of China's Political Economy*

12:30 –13:30 Lunch

13:30 –15:30 Session II: Comparative Perspectives on Employee's Role in the Corporation

ULLA LIUKKUNEN, Professor of Labour Law and Private International Law, University of Helsinki: *Rethinking Employee Participation in the EU*

BERND WAAS, Professor of Labour Law and Civil Law, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main: *Employees as Stakeholders: Co-Determination in Germany*

XIE ZENGYI, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Law: *Employee participation in the board level in China*

15:30–16:00 Tea and Coffee

16:00 – 18:00 Session III: Comparative Perspectives on Corporate Governance

SHEN WEI, Professor of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Law School: *State as a Shareholder and Corporate Governance Reform in China*

ROBBERT VAN HET KAAR, Senior researcher, University of Amsterdam and Member of the European Commission Informal Company Law Expert Group (ICLEG): *Effects of EU Developments in Corporate Law and Corporate Governance on the Position of Labour*

JUKKA MÄHÖNEN, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor of Commercial Law, University of Turku: *Shareholder activism - threat or possibility for the long-term interests of the company?*

8th May 2015

9:00 – 9:15 Coffee

9:15 – 11:45 Session IV: China and the Globalization of Corporate Governance and Labour Practices

ZHANG YIHONG, Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki: *Understanding the Role of the Party in the Corporate Governance and Employee Participation Mechanisms in Chinese SOEs*

XIA XIAOXIONG, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Law: *The Judicial Application of Directors' Fiduciary Duty in Chinese Company Law and its Effect on the Protection of Labor Rights*

CHEN YIFENG, Associate Professor, Peking University Law School: *Corporate Governance and Employee Participation Challenges for Emerging Chinese MNCs*

11:45 – 12:15 Closing remarks

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch