

# *Re: The Corporation*

## *Re-Thinking, Re-Forming, Re-Imagining*

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A VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF CORPORATE LAW ACADEMICS

SUNDAY 3rd – TUESDAY 5th JULY 2022

SCHOOL OF LAW AND SOCIETY, UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

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*In the matter of the corporation:*

The global need for us to live sustainability into the future, keep pace with technological development and respond to social and economic inequalities (exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic) have given rise to multiple calls to re-think, re-theorise, re-construct, re-configure, re-define, re-conceptualise, re-purpose and re-invent the corporation. These calls accompany diverse proposals: imbuing existing legal frameworks with a new emphasis on corporate virtue, ethical standards, a social licence to operate or corporate purpose; minor or major reforms of national and global legal frameworks; moving *beyond* existing legal frameworks and emphasising non-legal forms of norm-creation; or progressing alternatives to the shareholder-dominant corporation (co-operatives, benefit corporations, digital platforms). The emphasis of the prefix ‘re’, in each of these calls, however, encapsulates a return, a do-over, a need to perform a task again, which extends at times to a process of literally re-forming the corporate form, imagining alternative possibilities and thinking it anew.

This conference, the first under the association’s new name emphasising its commitment to leading scholarship in corporate law across Australia, New Zealand and the region, asks for papers to critically, conceptually and pragmatically engage with these calls that re-think, re-form and re-imagine the corporation. It sees the processes of thinking and re-thinking, imagining and re-imagining, the corporation and its regulation as central to the task of both reform and the corporate law scholar.

**Papers and panels could include consideration of:**

- Which Comes First – Reimagining the Corporation or Reimagining Capitalism?
- Past, Present and Future projects to re-think corporate governance and regulation
- *Re-form*-ing the Corporation: From Co-operatives to Benefit Corporations, Incorporated Associations to Digital Companies
- Reimagining Corporate Purpose: From Profit to Sustainability and Beyond
- Rethinking the Role of the Shareholder – Individual, Activist, Institutional, Defunct
- Corporate Law Reform, where to from here?
- State and Corporate Sovereignty in Pandemic Times
- (Re)imagining a Decolonised Corporation
- Digital Futures for the Corporate Form and Corporate Governance: Blockchain and AI as New Possibilities or More of the Same?
- Re-thinking Attribution and the Criminal Corporation
- Reforming Complexity: the ALRC and Simplifying the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth)
- Any other papers related to corporations, corporate law and regulation

**Paper and Panel Proposals Due: 1 April 2022**

Proposals should consist of a short abstract (max 250 words), 3 keywords, a short biography (100 words), as well as provide intentions for in-person or online attendance. Panel proposals should include a title/theme for the panel, and abstracts, keywords and biographies for each presenter (up to 4 presenters per panel).

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