

"The Power of Corporate Networks: A Comparative and Historical perspective"

University of Lausanne – August 27th-28th 2012

Monday 27th August

Château de Dorigny, room 106

9.00am-9.30am: Registration and coffee

9.30am-12.00pm:

- **Thomas David** (University of Lausanne) and **Gerarda Westerhuis** (Utrecht University): Introduction: comparing corporate networks.

Part I - Liberal and coordinated market economies: two stereotypes?

- **Mark Mizruchi** (University of Michigan) and **Todd Schifeling** (University of Michigan): The Decline of the American Corporate Network, 1960-2010.
- **Gerhard Schnyder** (King's College) and **John Wilson** (University of Liverpool Management School, UK): Strategies, structures and networks: The transformation of UK business, 1904-2010.
- **Paul Windolf** (Uni. of Trier): Corporate Networks in the 20th Century. Germany, United States, and France in comparison.
- Commentator: **Mary O'Sullivan** (University of Geneva)
- Chair: **Thomas David** (University of Lausanne)

12.00pm-2.00pm: Lunch

2.00pm-4.30pm:

Part II - Small European economies

- **Gerarda Westerhuis** (Utrecht University): The role of banks in the emergence, consolidation and decline of the Dutch corporate network.
- **Thomas David, Stéphanie Ginalska** and **André Mach** (University of Lausanne): From national cohesion to transnationalization: the changing role of banks in the Swiss company network (1910-2010).
- **Livia Ghita, Ludo Cuyvers** and **Marc Deloof** (University of Antwerp): Financial Institutions and the Rise and Decline of the Belgian Business Network in the 20th Century.
- Commentator: **Matthieu Leimgruber** (University of Geneva)
- Chair: **Laurent Tissot** (University of Neuchâtel)

7 pm: Dinner at [Le Raisin](#)

Tuesday 28th August

Château de Dorigny, room 106

9.00am-10.30am:

Part III - State capitalism

- **Claire Lemerrier** (Science Po, Paris) and **Pierre François** (Science Po, Paris): The evolving structure of French capitalism. Interlocking directorates among the French largest firms, 1911-2000.
- **Michelangelo Vasta** (Uni. of Siena) and **Alberto Rinaldi** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia): Persistent and stubborn. The State in the Italian capitalism: 1913-2001.
- Commentator: **Phil Scranton** (Rutgers University)
- Chair: **Stéphanie Ginalska** (University of Lausanne)

10.50am-12.45pm:

Part IV - « Peripheral » Europe

- **Álvaro Ferreira da Silva** (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) and **Pedro Neves** (Universidade Técnica de Lisboa): Business coalitions and segmentation: dynamics of the Portuguese corporate network.
- **Martin Ivanov** (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and **Georgy Ganey** (Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia & University of Sofia): Bulgarian Business Elite, 1910s-1940s: Are Interlocking Directorates Good for Growth?
- **Susanna Fellman** (University of Gothenburg) and **Kari-Matti Piilanti**: "From tight to loose?" Corporate networks and interlocking directorship in Finnish business in the 20th century.

- Commentator: **Philipp Korom** (University of Graz)
- Chair: **Felix Bühlmann** (University of Lausanne)

12.45pm - 2.00pm: Lunch

2.00pm-4.30pm:

Part V - Developmental « Tigers »

- **Andrea Lluch** (National Research Council, Argentina and CEHDE, San Andres University) and **Erica Salvaj** (Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago): A longitudinal study of interlocking directorates in Argentina and foreign firms' integration into the local capitalism (1923-2000).
- **Satoshi Koibuchi** (Chuo University) and **Tetsuji Okazaki** (The University of Tokyo): Corporate networks in Japan, 1911-1992.
- **Zong-Rong Lee** (Academica Sinica, Taiwan) and **Thijs Velema** (National Taiwan University): Between State Power and Familism: the Directorate Interlock Network in Taiwan throughout the Twentieth Century.
- Commentator: **Matthias Kipping** (York University, Toronto)
- Chair: **Gerarda Westerhuis** (Utrecht University)

4.30pm-5.00pm: Conclusion

7.30 pm: Dinner at [Le Vieux Lausanne](#)