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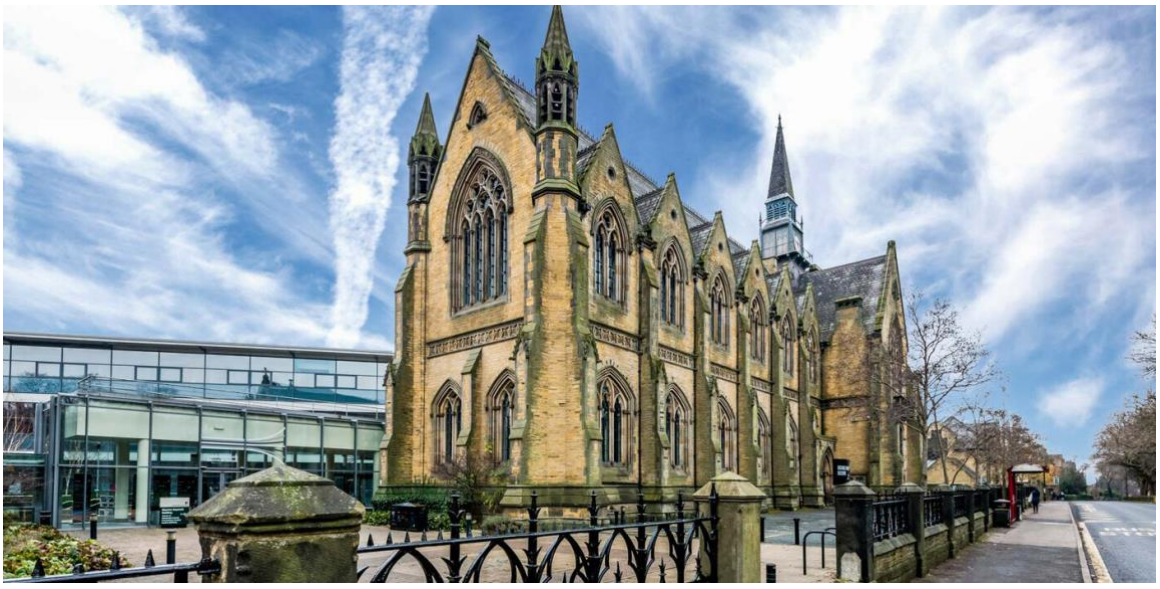
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Corporate Governance at a Crossroads

BAFA Corporate Governance Special Interest Group Annual Conference 2026

Hosted by the Accounting and Finance Department, Leeds University Business School, in collaboration with the BAFA Corporate Governance Special Interest Group

12–13 November 2026 (Hybrid)
Day 1: Online | Day 2: In person and online
Leeds, UK



Conference Day 1: Thursday, 12 November 2026

All presentations will take place ***online***.
Joining links will be emailed to registered participants before the conference.

Time	Activities
9:30–9:50	Presenters test their equipment (e.g., screen sharing and audio)
9:50–10:00	Welcome Remarks (Professor Konstantinos Stathopoulos)
Each paper presentation consists of a 20-minute presentation and a 10-minute Q&A session.	
10:00–11:30	**Session 1 (3 papers)**
11:30–12:30	Lunch Break
12:30–14:00	**Session 2 (3 papers)**
14:00–14:30	Coffee Break
14:30–15:30	**Session 3 (2 papers)**

All times are in UK time (GMT).

Session Chair for all Day 1 sessions: You Zhou, University of Leeds, UK

Session 1: *10:00–11:30*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Does Corporate Misconduct Shape the Narration of Shifting Corporate Culture?	Muhammad Taufik	University of Otago, New Zealand
Majority Voting Legislation and Corporate Environmental Policy	Qichen Guo	Shandong University of Finance and Economics, China
Regulation, Competition, and Efficiency in Banking: A Global Paradox Across Emerging and Developed Economies	Abu Hanifa Noman Alam	University of Southampton Malaysia

Session 2: *12:30–14:00*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Board Gender Diversity Reform and IPO Underpricing: Worldwide Evidence	Jing Ruan	KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
Caught in the Spillover: Financial Reporting Response to Peer Environmental Violations	Khadija Almaghrabi	King AbdulAziz University, Saudi Arabia
How do audit committees drive ESG commitment? Insights from institutional ownership	Amel Kouaib	Al Yamamah University, Saudi Arabia

Session 3: *14:30–15:30*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Privacy Capital	Runyu Qi	Swiss Finance Institute & USI Lugano
Initial ESG Rating Coverage and Firm Value: Evidence from Global REITs	Zongyuan Li	University of Galway, Ireland

Conference Day 2: Friday, 13 November 2026

All presentations will take place ***in person***.

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Leeds City Centre
Granary Wharf, Leeds, LS1 4BR, United Kingdom

Online access **will be available** for remote participants. Joining links will be emailed to registered online participants before the conference.

Time	**Activities**		**Room**
9:00–9:45	Registration + Tea, Coffee & Morning Snacks		1st Floor Breakout Area
9:45–10:00	Welcome Remarks (Professor Konstantinos Stathopoulos & Professor Konstantinos Bozos)		Tiree to Iona
10:00–11:00	Keynote Address (Professor Kevin Keasey)		
11:00–11:15 *Coffee Break* *Room: 1st Floor Breakout Area*			
Parallel Sessions Each paper presentation consists of a 20-minute presentation and a 10-minute Q&A session.			
11:15–12:45	**Session 4** (3 papers) **Room: Tiree to Iona**	**Session 5** (3 papers) **Room: Coll**	**Session 6** (3 papers) **Room: Kerrera**
12:45–13:30 *Lunch Break* *Room: The Lock Kitchen & Bar (Ground Floor)*			
13:30–15:00	**Session 7** (3 papers) **Room: Tiree to Iona**	**Session 8** (3 papers) **Room: Coll**	**Session 9** (3 papers) **Room: Kerrera**
15:00–15:30 *Coffee Break* *Room: 1st Floor Breakout Area*			
15:30–17:00	**Session 10** (3 papers) **Room: Tiree to Iona**	**Session 11** (3 papers) **Room: Coll**	**Session 12** (3 papers) **Room: Kerrera**
17:30–20:30 *Conference Dinner* *Room: Canna – Rum – Eigg*			

11:15–12:45: Sessions 4–6

Session 4 — ESG Disclosure and Transparency ***Room: Tiree to Iona*** ***Session Chair:*** *Costas Lambrinoudakis, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Do CEOs' Political Ideologies Matter for Climate Disclosures?	Marta Alonso	CUNEF University, Spain
Selective Disclosure as a Measure of ESG-washing	Ming-Tsung Lin	University of Sussex, UK
Corporate Biodiversity Disclosure across Megadiverse Nations: The Moderating Influence of Board Governance on Country-Context Effects	Jyoti Devi (Brinda) Mahadeo	University of Bradford, UK

Session 5 — Gender Diversity and Corporate Governance ***Room: Coll*** ***Session Chair:*** *Jie Chen, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Gender Diversity and Corporate Environmental Performance in Emerging Markets: Why the Boardroom, Not the Broader Workforce, Is Where It Matters	Abdullah Alhadadi	Jazan University, Saudi Arabia
The Effects of Regulating for Board Gender Diversity on Sustainability Performance	Leighanne Best	Sheffield Hallam University, UK
The Gender Surcharge: Shareholder Activism and Female CEOs	Jiaqi Zhao	Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Session 6 — Boards, Networks and Decision-Making ***Room: Kerrera*** ***Session Chair:*** *You Zhou, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
A model of the dynamics of subgroup influence on boards: The case of an international accounting standard setter	Julia Morley	University College London, UK
The Ripple Effect: ESG Decisions in Director Networks	Matías Braun	ESE Business School, Universidad de los Andes, Chile
Board Sustainability Skillsets and Transformative Green Innovation in FTSE 350	Ibrahim Alquwayfili and Sardar Ahmad	University of Liverpool, UK

13:30–15:00: Sessions 7–9

Session 7 — Policy, Information and Corporate Outcomes ***Room: Tiree to Iona*** ***Session Chair:*** *You Zhou, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Asymmetric Effects of Tax Changes on Corporate Pollution	Ping Wang	University of Leeds, UK
From Corporate Governance Information to Market Discussion: Information Transformation, Investment Persuasion, and Market Responses	Boyuan Li	University of Nottingham, UK
Do Named Short-Seller Disclosures Reveal ESG Risk? Regulatory Transparency and Price Discovery in European Capital Markets	You Zhou	University of Leeds, UK

Session 8 — Auditing and Venture Capital ***Room: Coll*** ***Session Chair:*** *Zhoutong Cao, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Auditor Tenure, ESG Performance, and Environmental Innovation: A U-Shaped Relationship and Cross-Country Evidence	Musa Hasan Ghazwani	Jazan University, Saudi Arabia
Organizational Soft Risk and Audit Pricing under Auditor Portfolio Shocks	Hang Zhang	University of Nottingham Ningbo China
Hubs or Hindrance? Venture Capital Concentration and IPO Outcomes	Zhoutong Cao	University of Leeds, UK

Session 9 — Corporate Culture and Leadership ***Room: Kerrera*** ***Session Chair:*** *Jiayi Yuan, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Can Strong Corporate Culture Promote Political Transparency? Evidence From S&P 500 Firms	Tarek Metwally	University of Nottingham, UK
CEO Experience in Developed Countries and ESG Performance: The Moderating Role of State Ownership in GCC Listed Firms	Bashayr Alqahtani	University of York, UK
Does Culture Matter for the Lehman Sisters Hypothesis?	Lucy Gabrielle Aboyadana	University of Huddersfield, UK

15:30–17:00: Sessions 10–12

Session 10 — External Governance and Corporate Accountability ***Room: Tiree to Iona*** ***Session Chair:*** *Yang Gao, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Goofus or Gallant? Externalities of Peers' Environmental Penalties	Mabel Costa	Durham University, UK
When Green Claims Meet Scrutiny: The Disciplinary Effect of Environmental Regulation on Corporate Green Revenues	Chris Florackis	University of Liverpool, UK
Free Speech as Stakeholder Governance: Anti-SLAPP Laws and Product Quality Failures	Yang Gao	University of Leeds, UK

Session 11 — Corporate Misconduct: Drivers and Detection ***Room: Coll*** ***Session Chair:*** *Tingting Tao, University of Sheffield, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
AI, Financial Fraud and Recidivism – Evidence from UK Firms Using Machine Learning Textual Analysis	Yang Wang	University of Dundee, UK
Multinational Misconduct in Emerging Economies: Trade Openness and Asset Irreversibility	Luisa Rodríguez Fajardo	University of Chile, Chile
Auditor Insights or Boilerplate? Assessing the Ability of CAMs to Signal Corporate Misconduct	Tingting Tao	University of Sheffield, UK

Session 12 — Corporate Governance, Finance and Sustainability ***Room: Kerrera*** ***Session Chair:*** *Fangqi Guo, University of Leeds, UK*		
Paper Title	**Presenter**	**Institution**
Prestigious Directors, Firm Acquisitions, Financial Policies, and Risk	Harsh Khedar	University College London, UK
Nature Dependence and the Choice between Bank and Public Debt	Giray Gozgor	University of Bradford, UK
Public Scrutiny and Supply Chain Decarbonization	Fangqi Guo	University of Leeds, UK



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