

Conference:

REGULATING THE TYRELL CORPORATION: COMPANY LAW AND THE EMERGENCE OF NOVEL BEINGS

Thursday 25th October 2018, **10:00-17:00**

Friday 26th October 2018, **9.30-17:00** with drinks and canapes from 17:00 til 19:00

Venue: **Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE**



Biotechnology and advances in AI promise the advent of new forms of life, maybe even 'conscious', reasoning creatures as intelligent and as sapient as *Homo sapiens*. It seems likely that these products will be created by public companies and in particular multinational corporations. At present no regulation exists which addresses the responsibility of companies in the development, operation, and disposal of these technologies.

This symposium seeks to ask how we approach regulation for companies producing and possessing conscious technology.

Convenors: Dr Sarah Morley, Dr David Lawrence

Agenda

Arrival – 9.15am

Introduction- 09:45- 10:00

Dr Sarah Morley, Dr David Lawrence (Newcastle University)

Session 1- 10:00-11:00

10:00- Mr Gary Wilson (Nottingham Trent University)

The Great Transformation? *Salomon*, Economic Space and Corporate Rationality'

10:30- Mr Chris Riley (Durham University)

Skepticism About The Relevance Of Company Law To Morally Significant Technologies (Or: A Company Lawyer Talks Himself Out Of A Job)

Coffee Break- 11:00-11:30

Session 2- 11:30-13:00

11:30- Professor Alan Dignam (Queen Mary, University of London)

Corporate Life and how not to regulate it

12:00- Professor Vicenç Ribas Ferrer (Universidad de Alcalá, ES)

Reconsidering some company law principles for a new era

12:30- Dr. Anne Lafarre (Tilburg University, NL)

AI in Corporate Boardrooms

Lunch- 13:00-13:45

Session 3- 13:45-14:45

13:45- Dr. Daniel Attenborough (Durham University)

The (small 's') Science and Fiction of A.I. Challenges to Corporate Law

14:15- Professor Deirdre Ahern (Trinity College Dublin, IRE)

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Can Existing Duties on Directors as Fiduciary Agents Suitably Moderate the Social Controversies Associated with Commercialisation of Synthetic Biology?

Coffee Break- 14:45-15:15- Optional (but encouraged!): 4-D Motion Ride

Session 4- 15:15-16:15

15:15- Professor Daithí Mac Síthigh (Queens University Belfast)

Serene In Their Assurance Of Their Empire Over Matter: Reframing Regulatory Regimes In A Time Of Techlash

15:45- Dr. Aisling McMahon (Durham University)

Patents and Emerging Biotechnologies: An Obligation of Ethical Patent Use?

16:15- Professor TT Arvind (Newcastle University)

The conscience of an algorithm: Law, Innovation, and the limits of human metaphors

Roundup- 16:45-17:00