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Adam Smith on limited liability of shareholders

CONFERENCE THEME

For some time now, the rapid rise of corporate power under the auspices of a neoliberal policy-agenda with global reach has been controversial. The role of corporate power in a fast changing global world is one of the key issues of international diplomacy as well as of the academic study of international law, politics and economics.

Core themes addressed by the conference include:

- The historical origins and development of joint stock companies and limited liability
- Recent development in limited liability laws, e.g. the role of limited liability partnerships
- Limited liability and multinational companies: the role of group liability
- Private equity and limited liability
- States sovereign immunity and corporate sovereign immunity
- The voluntary approach to corporate social accountability and limited liability issues
- Limited liability and the environment
- Limited liability in emerging markets and developing economies, e.g. China
- The role of limited liability companies in public-private partnerships
- Business without limited liability
- Limited liability and taxation in the global economy
- Reform strategies: Restoring accountability in law, the balance of special interest privileges, the role of insurance schemes, etc.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mr Jack Blum
US attorney and expert on international financial crime, money laundering and international taxation.

Former positions include: Special Counsel to the US Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee, consultant to the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, Chair of the experts group on international asset recovery convened by the United Nations Centre for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, General Counsel of Americans for Democratic Action.

Other speakers include:

Dr Stephanie Blankenburg and **Dr Dan Plesch**, CISD/ SOAS, conference convenors

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, UNISON, UK

Mr Nick Howen, International Commission of Jurists

Professor Paddy Ireland, Professor of Law and Director of Research at Kent Law School, UK – From limited liability to no liability: Rentier investment and the rise of corporate irresponsibility

Dr Photis Lysandrou, Department of Economics, Finance and International Business, London Metropolitan University, UK – The Firm as dual commodity provider: Rationale for corporate limited liability

Mr Bob Monks (in ausencia), founding trustee of the Federal Employees' Retirement System, US Department of Labor, founder for the Corporate Library with Nell Minow, founder of Institutional Shareholder Services

Professor Peter Muchlinski, Corporate Law and Limited Liability, SOAS, UK – The Regulation of Risk in Multinational Enterprises:

Professor Kurt A. Strasser and **Professor Philipp Blumberg**, University of Connecticut School of Law, US

Lord Andrew Philipps of Sudbury, OBE, solicitor, Liberal Democrats, UK

Professor Grahame Thompson, Open University and co-author of 'Globalization in Question' – Tracking Global Corporate Citizenship: Some reflections on 'lovesick' companies

Dr Jan Toporowski, Economics Department, SOAS, UK – Corporate limited liability and the financial liabilities of firms

Professor Edward Weisband, Edward S. Diggs Endowed Chair in the Social Sciences, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, US – Toward a virtue based theory of the firm

Mr Chao Xi, Centre of East Asian Law, SOAS, UK – Limited liability in China

CORE Coalition Representatives

REGISTRATION FORM

1. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Family name

Title (Prof./Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs/Other)

Organisation

Address

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2. CONFERENCE FEE

Admission is FREE for SOAS students and staff on a first comes first basis until available places are filled. Fees include admission to all conference sessions, two lunches/teas/ coffees, and conference materials.

	Before June 15, 2007	Please tick as appropriate*	After June 15, 2007	Please tick as appropriate*
Full Conference Fee I (institutional)	£170	<input type="checkbox"/>	£200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Conference Fee II (individual)**	£80	<input type="checkbox"/>	£100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced Conf. Fee (non-SOAS Students, pensioners, recipients of income support)***	£20	<input type="checkbox"/>	£30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conference Dinner (20 July)	£30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Please indicate the number of people in tick box

** Please bring brief signed statement that you attend in personal capacity only for conference registration on 20 July.

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3. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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Conference dinner: £

Conference dinner accompanying person: £

Total: £

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