**Democratizing the Corporation**

**A Real Utopias Project Conference**

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**Lead Essay:**

***Democratizing the Corporation: The Proposal of the Bicameral Firm,***

**by Isabelle Ferreras**



  

**Schedule**

***All sessions to be held online***

**Wednesday January 27th**

7:45am EST/1:45pm CETLog in time

8:00 – 8:05am EST Welcome to the IFFS – **Gustaf Arrhenius** (Institute

(2:00pm – 2:05 CET) for Futures Studies Director)

8:05 – 8:30am EST General welcome – **Tom Malleson** (King’s University College at

(2:00 – 2:30pm CET) Western University) and **Isabelle Ferreras** (FNRS-University of

Louvain/HLWP)

1. **Envisioning Workplace Democracy** (Chair - **Rosemary Batt**, Cornell University)

8:30 – 9:50am EST **Gustaf Arrhenius** (Institute for Futures Studies) – “Political and

(2:30 – 3:50pm CET) Economic Democracy”

**Marc Fleurbaey** (Princeton University) **–** “Corporate Purpose and the Future of Capitalism”

10:05 – 11:25am EST **Simon Pek** (University of Victoria) – “Learning from the

(4:05 – 5:25pm CET) regulative ideal: Strengthening economic bicameralism through best practices in worker cooperation”

**David Ellerman** (University of California, Riverside) *–* “Workplace Democracy: Paths from here to there”

11:40 – 1:00pm EST **Maximilian Krahé** (Royal Academy of Belgium and University of

(5:40 – 7:00pm CET) Louvain) **–** “Islands and the sea: Making firm-level democracy durable”

**Ewan McGaughey** (King’s College London) – “Five principles of

economic democracy”

**Thursday January 28th**

1. **History and Lessons for the Future** (Chair – **Tom Malleson**, King’s University College at Western University)

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8:00 – 9:20am EST **Chris Mackin** (Rutgers University and Ownership Associates) –

(2:00 – 3:20pm CET) “Situating Ownership in the Economic Democracy Debate”

**Sanjay Pinto** (Cornell Worker Institute) – “Re-imagining Voice at Work in the 21st Century”

9:35 – 10:55am EST **Bo Rothstein** (University of Gothenburg) – “Why no economic

(3:35 – 4:55pm CET) democracy in Sweden? A counterfactual approach”

**Sigurt Vitols** (WZB, Berlin and ETUI, Brussels) **–** “Democratizing the Corporation – Lessons from Co-determination in Europe”

11:10 – 12:30pm EST **Lenore Palladino** (University of Massachusetts Amherst) –

(5:10 – 6:30pm CET) “Policy Options for Worker Representation on U.S. Corporate Boards”

 **Joel Bakan** (University of British Columbia) – Q/A on his new documentary, *The New Corporation*. (Please try to view the film prior to this session.)

**Friday January 29th**

1. **Law and Policy Prospects** (Chair – **Gregor Murray**, University of Montreal/CRIMT**)**

7:45am EST/1:45pm CETLog in time

8:00 – 9:20am EST **Carly Knight** (New York University) **–** “The Progressive Era’s

(2:00 – 3:20pm CET) Public Firm”

 **Axel Gosseries** (FNRS-University of Louvain) **and Thomas Ferreti** (London School of Economics) – “Economic Bicameralism: Too Bold or Not Bold Enough?”

9:35 – 10:55am EST **Robert Freeland** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) –

(3:35 – 4:55pm CET) “Employment Law, Fiduciary Law and the Democratization of the Corporation”

1. **General Discussion and Further Reflections on the Bicameral Firm**

11:10 – 12:00pm Chair: **Joel Rogers** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

(5:10 – 6:00pm CET) Opportunity for Comments from the Chairs: Rosemary Batt, Gregor Murray, Joel Rogers, and general discussion.

12:00 – 12:30pm Wrap-Up and Next Stepsled by Tom Malleson and Isabelle

(6:00 – 6:30pm CET) Ferreras