

2026 CGIR – KYOTO Stakeholder Theory and Responsible Business Paper Development Workshop (PDW)

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Call for Papers/Participants

Corporate Governance: An International Review (CGIR) is pleased to announce a Paper Development Workshop (PDW) in collaboration with Kyoto University. The workshop is open to early-career and established scholars, especially those who have not previously published in CGIR. It will take place at the Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University in Kyoto on Monday July 6th, 2026.

Theme and Objective

This PDW focuses on advancing scholarships in stakeholder theory, responsible business, and governance. The 2026 theme is:

“Stakeholder Theory and Responsible Business: The Future of Corporate Governance.”

We welcome conceptual, empirical, and theory-building papers on this theme.

The purpose of the workshop is to create an opportunity for scholars to receive developmental feedback on their papers and to provide a venue for networking among governance researchers.

Keynote Addresses by Prof Edward Freeman & Prof Randall Morck

Professor R. Edward Freeman

University of Virginia, Darden School of Business

Founder of modern stakeholder theory and a globally recognized leader in business ethics, corporate responsibility, and value creation.

Professor Randall K. Morck

University of Alberta, Alberta School of Business

Leading authority on corporate governance and ownership and control, whose influential research has shaped global understanding of governance systems and their economic consequences.

Prof. Freeman and Prof Morck will deliver keynote lectures and engage in dialogue with participants.

Program

The PDW will be divided into two parts. In the morning session, we will have the keynote address by Professor Ed Freeman followed by a presentation from the CGIR Editors-in-Chief discussing the journal's mission and scope, key statistics, and an overview of editorial review process. During the afternoon there will be break-out sessions where participants can discuss their research with CGIR Editors and one another in small group settings. The focus will be on providing constructive feedback on how to improve working papers. Please note that we also plan to organize an informal dinner in the evening.

Editors' Panel & Senior Faculty Discussants

Keynote Speakers: Professor R. Edward Freeman (University of Virginia) and Professor Randall K. Morck (University of Alberta)

Editor-in-Chief, CGIR: Professor Omrane Guedhami (University of South Carolina)

Editors: Professor Asli M. Colpan (Kyoto University), Dragon Yongjun Tang (The University of Hong Kong), Toru Yoshikawa (Waseda University), Xiaolan Zheng (University of Nottingham)

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Invited scholars: Christina Ahmadjian (Hitotsubashi University), Alvaro Cuervo-Cazurra (Northeastern University), Shige Makino (Kyoto University), Tomoki Sekiguchi (Kyoto University), Daisuke Uchida (Keio University), Jin-ichiro Yamada (Kyoto University),

Panelists will be matched with authors to provide tailored developmental guidance.

Local Organizing Committee (Kyoto University)

Asli M. Colpan, Kyoto University (Editor, CGIR)

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Submission Guidelines

Please submit a complete manuscript via email to cgir2026@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp. Please write the title of your email as “2026 CGIR–Kyoto University Paper Development Workshop.”

- Language: English
- Length: Under 10,000 words
- Format: Follow CGIR guidelines
- Cover page with authors’ names, affiliations, and contact information
- Original & unpublished; not under review elsewhere
- One submission per participant
- Indicate the relevant thematic track

Tracks and Keywords

We are seeking corporate governance scholars – from any discipline (e.g., management, strategy, accounting, finance, law,) to submit an original paper. Please indicate which track the manuscript is submitted to.

1. Strategic Stakeholder Management

Keywords: stakeholder strategy, value creation, ethics, responsible business, fairness, legitimacy, trust, purpose

2. Corporate Governance and Stakeholder Oversight

Keywords: stakeholder-sensitive governance, ESG oversight, board director roles

3. Sustainability & Societal Impact

Keywords: CSR, green innovation, responsible business, grand challenges

4. Stakeholder Theory Foundations and Extensions (Freeman-inspired)

Keywords: normative foundations, critiques, moral imagination

5. Stakeholder Theory in Global Contexts

Keywords: cross-cultural expectations, institutions, global value chains

6. Stakeholders, Identity, and Organizational Behavior

Keywords: identity, trust, psychological safety, leadership

7. Board Diversity, Gender, and Stakeholder Outcomes

Keywords: female directors, board diversity, stakeholder orientation, legitimacy

7. Others (Please indicate the keywords for your paper).

Selection

Submissions will be evaluated for scholarly quality, relevance to workshop theme, and potential for developmental feedback. Each scholar may submit only one paper. Accepted authors will engage in tailored discussion with editors and senior scholars.

Important Dates (JST) and note

- March 1, 2026 — Submission Deadline
- April 30, 2026 — Acceptance Notifications
- May 31, 2026 — Registration Deadline
- July 6, 2026 — PDW at Kyoto University

The event itself is free, but you will need to cover your own transportation and accommodation costs.

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