



Reforming Corporate Insolvency Law for the 21st Century
Final programme

Date: Friday 28th March 2025 09:15-16:15

Location: Lancaster Castle, Lancaster.

Organiser: Dr John Wood (Lancaster University)

Registration 09.15

Coffee/Tea

Opening remarks 09.45.

Dr John Wood, Lancaster University

Keynote speakers 10:00 – 11:15

Chair: Dr John Wood, Lancaster University.

- Paul Bannister, Head of Policy, The Insolvency Service
 - **A review of insolvency policy and what lies ahead**
- Jag Saroe, Head of Special Situations, Chief Executive Division, The Insolvency Service
 - **A review of national interest cases**
- Lisa Linklater K.C., King's Counsel, Exchange Chambers
 - **The BHS litigation and beyond – the interplay between wrongful trading and the creditor duty.**

Break 11:15-11:30

First session 11:30-12:45

Chair: Dr Sofia Ellina, Lancaster University.

- **Standing up for the Small Guy: Protecting Micro Suppliers Against CIGA's Ipso Facto Prohibition** - Dr Michael Vincent, Queens University, Belfast

- **The adverse implications of short-term company rescue, and the proliferation of zombie companies post CIGA** - Dr Angharad James, Lecturer in Law, Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University.
- **Insolvency, Environment, and the Future: A road less traversed** - Dr Neeti Shikha, Lecturer, UWE Law School, University of the West of England
- **Insolvency Regulation: a Performance Improvement Approach** - Dr Bolanle Adebola, University of Reading

Lunch 12:45-13:45

Second session 13:45-15:00

Chair: Dr John Tribe, University of Liverpool.

- **Behind Closed Books: An Investigation of Money Laundering in Insolvency Proceedings** - Dr Oriana Casasola and Dr Ilaria Zavoli, School of Law, University of Leeds
- **Exposure and Fragility: reframing vulnerability and resilience for the corporate sphere** - Dr Jennifer L.L. Gant, University of Derby
- **Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Corporate Insolvency Law** - Dr Kayode Akintola, University of Sheffield, and Katelyn Groenewald, Akin Business Constructs
- **CIGA 2020 and reforms** - Maxwell Obesi, PhD candidate, Lancaster University

Break – coffee 15:00-15:30

Final session 15:30-16:00

Chair: Professor David Milman, Professor Emeritus, Lancaster University

- **Anniversary Reflections on Failure & Forgiveness: Rebalancing the Bankruptcy System** - Karen Gross, (former Law Professor 1984-2005), author, educator and artist, Rutgers University School of Social Work and Virtual Teachers Lounge Co-Founder

Closing remarks 16:00-16:15

End of conference