

Call for Papers, Queer Corporate Governance

We are calling for papers that will link queer lives and queer theory to corporate law and governance, with the goal of publishing an edited collection or special issue publication.

There has been little connection between corporate governance and the queer space, and we wish to speak with all scholars, at any stage, who are interested in doing so.

‘Queer’ can mean different things to different people. For some, it is part of a personal identity. Here, connecting the queer to corporate governance involves providing spaces for queer people within corporate life. For others, it is an approach to thinking about social institutions. Here, connecting the queer to corporate governance involves questioning concepts and practices underlying corporate life, which may include interrogating the very concepts of identity which shape the focus on creating queer spaces. There can also be a playfulness to queer, to challenge pre-conceptions by subverting the established.

We welcome submission from those interested in any aspect of the connection between the corporate and the queer. The questions below may help spark thoughts on possible contributions:

1. Queer as a Subject:

- a. How can queer people be included in the corporate space at any level, such as in the boardroom, in the workplace, and amongst investors?;
- b. What are the arguments for (and against) queer inclusion in the corporate space?
- c. How does queer inclusion fit within DEI practice more generally, and how do current struggles over DEI affect the case for queer inclusion?

2. Queer as a Method

- a. How can we identify heteronormativity in corporate law concepts?;
- b. How can we challenge corporate power structures, and should we?;
- c. To what extent is corporate governance suitable for connecting with queer theory?;

3. Interrelationships: Corporate Governance, Queer Lives and Queer Theory

- a. What are some corporate illustrations of the interface between queer subjects and queer methods?;
- b. What are some wider inputs to queer theory from the corporate space?;
- c. What are the connections between the corporate law space and other disciplines that explore queer approaches?;

4. Queer as Subversion and Playfulness

- a. Can queer theory provide novel interpretations of corporate legal doctrine or practice?;
- b. What are some playful connections between corporate law and other disciplines?

To indicate interest, please email us with a short note of your area of interest, rough title and (if available) short abstract and a short CV/bio to queercorporate@gmail.com by 5pm by September 1, 2025.

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