

Speakers Profile



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Dr. Dan W. Puchniak is the Yong Pung How Professor at the Yong Pung How School of Law (SMU) and a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute. He is a leading authority on the law concerning independent directors in Singapore and across Asia and has received numerous awards for his research and teaching on corporate law and governance. He has co-authored the Company Law chapter for the *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases* for over a decade and served as a Roundtable Member for the ACRA Institute of Corporate Law. His corporate law scholarship has been cited by the Singapore Court of Appeal. He has delivered more than one hundred invited lectures at leading universities, regulators, and corporate institutions worldwide, and has acted as an expert in high-stakes corporate law disputes in Asia. Before entering academia, he practised corporate commercial litigation at one of Canada's leading law firms.



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Yaron Nili is a corporate law and securities law scholar whose research focuses on traditional corporate governance, the role and function of boards of directors, shareholder activism, hedge funds, and private equity. He joined the faculty of Duke Law School in July 2024. He is a research member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI).

Nili earned his LLB and MBA in finance from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Hebrew University Law Review*. He went on to clerk for Justice Ayala Procaccia on the Supreme Court of Israel before attending Harvard Law School, where he studied as a Fulbright Fellow, receiving his LLM degree and subsequently his SJD. While at Harvard, Nili served as a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics and as a fellow at the Program on Corporate Governance. He also worked at Simpson Thacher in New York as a corporate associate, representing financial institutions and other companies in commercial lending transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and securities.

Most recently, Nili was a professor of law and the Smith-Rowe Faculty Fellow in Business Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he taught courses in corporate and securities law.

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