

# Symposium—Understanding Corporate Purposes

Event gathering legal experts from New Zealand, Australia, US, Europe, and Asia to discuss inequality, corporate power and the role of corporations in society.



## UNDERSTANDING CORPORATE PURPOSE

Join us for a symposium exploring the evolving role of business corporations in society, prompted by the recent reform of section 131 of the Companies Act 1993 in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Legal experts from around the world will discuss corporate purpose, stakeholder interests, and the potential for corporations to advance societal and moral objectives.

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The debate over the purpose of business corporations and the role of stakeholder interests in director decision-making has gained significant global attention in the past decade. The recent reform of section 131 of the Companies Act 1993 in Aotearoa New Zealand highlights the ongoing discussion on corporate obligations beyond shareholders and the enforcement of such obligations.

This symposium will bring together a diverse range of perspectives from legal academics and practitioners across New Zealand, Australia, the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Participants will reflect on issues such as inequality, corporate concentration, and environmental degradation, and discuss the role of corporations in society.