

The Program on International Financial Systems (PIFS),  
Harvard Law School Executive Education (HLSEE), and  
the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)

## Virtual Education Program on Financial Markets and Regulation Program Syllabus

January – June 2025  
Via Zoom

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS

4:00pm – 4:20pm (GST)<sup>1</sup>

#### Opening Remarks

- [Dr. Fahd Turki](#) (Director General Chairman of the Board at the AMF)
- [Hal S. Scott](#) (President of PIFS and Professor Emeritus at Harvard Law School)

4:20pm – 6:10pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Financial Markets and the Economy

- [James Angel](#) (Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University)

#### Assigned Readings:

- International Capital Market Association, *Overview of Financial Markets*, excerpts.
- Sonja Juko, *Role of financial markets: A general overview of functions and benefits*, Deutsche Bundesbank (Sept. 2019), pp. 1-26

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<sup>1</sup> Program Times: This agenda reflects times Gulf Standard Time (or UTC+4:00).

## MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

### FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Exchanges, Trading, and Market Structure

- [James Angel](#) (Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University)

#### Assigned Readings:

- PIFS, *International Review of Equity Market Structure Regulation: Phase III Best Practices for Regulating Equity Market Structure* (May 12, 2021).
- Leonid Sopotnitsky, *The size of global markets 2024 in charts*, LSEG DATA & ANALYTICS (2024).

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

### PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Introduction to Corporate Finance: Time, Risk, and Return

- [Bala Dharan](#) (Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Visiting Professor in Corporate Finance Law at Harvard Law School)

#### Assigned Readings:

- Mercer Capital, *Corporate Finance in 30 Minutes* (2023), excerpts.
- Don Chew & Bennett Stewart, *Introduction to Corporate Finance: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?*, 34 J. APPLIED CORPORATE FIN. 106 (Spring 2022), pp.106-114

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

### FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Securities Firms and Broker-Dealers; Asset Management and Investment Funds

- [James Angel](#) (Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University)

**Assigned Reading:**

- Investment company Institute & Independent Directors Council, *Navigating Intermediary Relationships* (Dec. 2022), pp.1-25 (appendices optional)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025**  
**PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Company Financial Structure and Cost of Capital**

- [Bala Dharan](#) (Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Visiting Professor in Corporate Finance Law at Harvard Law School)

**Assigned Readings:**

- Michael J. Mauboussin, *Thoughts on Valuation*, CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOS. CORP. (Oct. 21, 1997), pp.1-15
- Timothy A. Luehrman, *What's It Worth?: A General Manager's Guide to Valuation*, HARV. BUS. REV. (May-June 1997)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**  
**PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Business Valuation**

- [Bala Dharan](#) (Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Visiting Professor in Corporate Finance Law at Harvard Law School)

**Assigned Reading:**

- Counterpoint Global, *Cost of Capital: A Practical Guide*, MORGAN STANLEY (2023), pp.3-22

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025**  
**CAPITAL MARKETS REGULATION**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Fundamentals of Corporate & Securities Law; Corporate Governance**

- [Roberto Tallarita](#) (Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School)

Assigned Reading:

- Roberto Tallarita, *Corporations Casebook* (2024), Ch. 4

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**  
**CAPITAL MARKETS REGULATION**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Public Companies: Securities Fraud and Insider Trading**

- [Roberto Tallarita](#) (Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School)

Assigned Reading:

- Roberto Tallarita, *Corporations Casebook* (2024), Ch. 14-15

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**  
**CAPITAL MARKETS REGULATION**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Controller Conflicts; Mergers and Acquisitions**

- [Roberto Tallarita](#) (Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School)

Assigned Readings:

- *Tornetta v. Musk*, 240 A.3d 793 (Del. Ch. 2019)
- Roberto Tallarita, *Corporations Casebook* (2024), Ch. 5

**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**  
**BANKING AND PRUDENTIAL POLICY**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

**Lecture with Q&A: Bank Liquidity, Lender of Last Resort, and Resolution**

- [Dan Awrey](#) (Professor of Law at Cornell Law School)

**Assigned Reading:**

- John Armour, et al., *Principles of Financial Regulation* (July 2016), Ch. 15-16

## **MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025**

### **BANKING AND PRUDENTIAL POLICY**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### **Lecture with Q&A: Bank Capital**

- [Dan Awrey](#) (Professor of Law at Cornell Law School)

**Assigned Reading:**

- John Armour, et al., *Principles of Financial Regulation* (July 2016), Ch. 14

## **MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

### **BANKING AND PRUDENTIAL POLICY**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### **Lecture with Q&A: Systemic Risk and Stress-testing**

- [Dan Awrey](#) (Professor of Law at Cornell Law School)

**Assigned Reading:**

- John Armour, et al., *Principles of Financial Regulation* (July 2016), Ch. 19

## **MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

### **REGULATING DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FINANCE**

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### **Lecture with Q&A: The Role and Regulation of Digital Assets**

- [Douglas Arner](#) (Kerry Holdings Professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong)

**Assigned Reading:**

- Douglas W. Arner, et al., *The financialization of Crypto: Designing an international regulatory consensus*, COMPUTER LAW & SEC.

## MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

### REGULATING DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FINANCE

4:00pm – 5:30pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Digital Finance Platforms; Suptech and the Role of Technology in Supervision

- [Douglas Arner](#) (Kerry Holdings Professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong)

#### Assigned Reading:

- Douglas W. Arner, Syed Musheer Ahmed, & Sangita Gazi, *Building Regulatory and Supervisory Technology Ecosystems: For Asia's Financial Stability and Sustainable Development*, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (Aug. 2022)

5:30pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### Fireside Chat: Data Issues in Suptech

- [Sireesh Pachava](#) (Word-Wide & U.S. Financial Sector Lead for Regulatory Engagement at Amazon Web Services)

## MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

### REGULATING DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FINANCE

4:00pm – 6:00pm (GST)

#### Lecture with Q&A: Regulating Fintech and Innovation in Capital Markets

- [James Angel](#) (Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University)

#### Assigned Reading:

- [TBD]



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## Speaker Biographies

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### **James Angel**

Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University

Professor Angel specializes in the market structure and regulation of global financial markets, and he has visited over 75 financial exchanges around the world. He teaches undergraduate, MBA, and executive courses, including Fintech, and Investments. "Dr. Jim" has testified before Congress about issues relating to the design of financial markets. In addition, he has been quoted in hundreds of newspaper articles and has appeared numerous times on radio and television. Dr. Jim began his professional career as a rate engineer at Pacific Gas and Electric, where he worked on FERC and CPUC related issues. Along the way he has also worked at BARRA (later part of Morgan Stanley) where he developed equity risk models. He has also served as a Visiting Academic Fellow in residence at the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD – now FINRA) and also as a visiting economist at the Shanghai Stock Exchange. He has also been chairman of the Nasdaq Economic Advisory Board, a member of the OTC Bulletin Board Advisory Committee, and has served on the board of directors of the Direct Edge Stock Exchanges (later part of BATS Global Markets). From 2012-2014 he was a visiting associate professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Angel is a co-inventor on 12 fintech patents.

### **Bala Dharan**

Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Visiting Professor in Corporate Finance Law at Harvard Law School

Bala Dharan is Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Visiting Professor in Corporate Finance Law and Senior Lecturer at Harvard Law School. He has been teaching at HLS since 2008. Professor Dharan is also J. Howard Creekmore Professor Emeritus at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University, a Visiting Professor at MIT Sloan School of Management, and a Managing Director at Berkeley Research Group, an economics, litigation and business consulting firm. He has been a professor at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and a visiting professor at Harvard Business School and Haas School of Business at University of California, Berkeley. He has published widely in major accounting and finance journals, and is the co-author of four editions of textbooks. He has been invited three times to testify before U.S. Congress on financial reporting and corporate



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finance issues. Professor Dharan has extensive business and litigation consulting experience in financial reporting and disclosures, forensic accounting and investigations, damages analysis, finance, valuation, investment analysis, corporate governance, and auditing. He has served more than 25 times as a testifying expert in litigation and arbitration matters. He has international arbitration experience in many of the major international forums, and has been named to the International Who's Who for Litigation and Commercial Arbitration. CPA; ABV (Accredited in Business Valuation); CFF (Certified in Financial Forensics); M.S. 1977 and Ph.D. 1981 in Accounting, Carnegie Mellon University; MBA 1975 in Finance, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; B. Tech 1973 in Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

### **Roberto Tallarita**

Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School

Roberto Tallarita is an Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Before being named an assistant professor, he served as a Lecturer on Law, Associate Director of the Program on Corporate Governance, and Terence M. Consideine Senior Fellow in Law and Economics. He teaches and writes on corporate law and governance, and on the political and moral dimensions of markets and corporations.

Professor Tallarita's current and recent research focuses on the corporate governance of AI, ESG investments and stewardship, stakeholder governance, corporate political spending, and CEO political preferences. His academic papers appear or are forthcoming in the *Business Lawyer*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Harvard Business Law Review*, *Hastings Law Journal*, *Journal of Corporation Law*, *Journal of Legal Analysis*, *Southern California Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and *Yale Journal on Regulation*. He has also published articles for a broader audience in *The Atlantic*, the *Boston Review*, and the *Harvard Business Review*. His research has been featured, among other places, in *Bloomberg Opinion*, the *Economist*, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Prior to joining Harvard, Professor Tallarita spent more than a decade in private practice, working on transnational corporate deals at leading law firms in Europe and the United States, including as an associate in the corporate and M&A group of Kirkland & Ellis in New York, and as a partner at a leading Italian law firm.

Professor Tallarita has law degree from the Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, and a doctorate from Harvard Law School.





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## **Dan Awrey**

Professor of Law at Cornell Law School

Dan Awrey is a Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. Dan's teaching and research interests reside in the area of financial regulation and, more specifically, the regulation of banks, investment funds, derivatives markets, payment systems, and financial market infrastructure. Dan has undertaken research and provided advice at the request of organizations including the Bank for International Settlements, U.S. Treasury Department, Federal Reserve Board, the President's Working Group on Financial Markets, HM Treasury, UK Financial Conduct Authority, Commonwealth Secretariat, and European Securities and Markets Authority. His research has been featured in publications including the Yale Law Journal, New York University Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Cornell Law Review, Harvard Business Law Review, and the Journal of Comparative Economics. Dan is a co-author of one of the leading textbooks on financial regulation, *Principles of Financial Regulation*, published by Oxford University Press. He is also a founding co-managing editor of the Journal of Financial Regulation.

## **Douglas Arner**

Kerry Holdings Professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong

Douglas W. Arner is the Kerry Holdings Professor in Law, an RGC Senior Fellow, and Associate Dean (Taught Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Law at The University of Hong Kong. At HKU, he co-founded and is the Faculty Director of the LLM Compliance and Regulation, LLM Corporate and Financial Law, LITE (Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship), and EAIEL (East Asian International Economic Law and Policy) Programmes. In addition, Douglas is Associate Director of the Standard Chartered Foundation-HKU FinTech Academy, a Senior Visiting Fellow of Melbourne Law School of the University of Melbourne, a non-executive director of NASDAQ and Euronext listed Aptorum Group, an Advisory Board Member of the Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE), and co-founder and an executive board member of the Asia Pacific Structured Finance Association. He co-founder and former Director of the Faculty's Asian Institute of International Financial Law. Douglas has served as a consultant with, among others, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UN, APEC, Alliance for Financial Inclusion, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Douglas specialises in economic and financial law, regulation and development. He is author, co-author or editor of eighteen books, including *The RegTech Book* (Wiley 2019), *Reconceptualising Global Finance and its Regulation* (Cambridge 2016), *Financial Markets in Hong Kong: Law and Practice* (Oxford, 2d ed., 2016), *Finance in Asia: Institutions, Regulation*



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and *Policy* (Routledge 2013), *From Crisis to Crisis: The Global Financial Crisis and Regulatory Failure* (Kluwer 2011) and *Financial Stability, Economic Growth*

and *the Role of Law* (Cambridge 2007), and the author or co-author of more than 150 articles, chapters and reports on related subjects. His recent papers

are available at SSRN [<http://ssrn.com/authors=524849>] where he is among the top 50 authors in the world by downloads.

He is currently leading a major 5 year Hong Kong Research Grants Council Senior Research Fellowship project on the role of FinTech and RegTech in financial inclusion and the UN Sustainable Development Goals as well as a 4 year RGC Research Impact Fund project focusing on FinTech policy and regulation. From 2012-2018, Douglas served as Project Coordinator of a major five-year project funded by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council Theme-based Research Scheme on “Enhancing Hong Kong’s Future as a Leading International Financial Centre”. He is currently one of the core team of another TRS project focusing on digital finance, financial stability and financial inclusion. He led the development of one of the world’s largest massive open online courses (MOOC) on financial technology: Introduction to FinTech [<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-to-fintech>], launched with edX in May 2018, now with over 100,000 learners spanning almost every country in the world, as part of the first online Professional Certificate in FinTech.

Douglas has been a visiting professor or fellow at Duke University, Harvard University, the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research, IDC Herzliya, McGill University, Melbourne University, National University of Singapore, Queen Mary University of London, University of New South Wales, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and Zurich University, among others. He has lectured, co-organised conferences and seminars and been involved with financial sector reform projects around the world. Douglas served as Head of the Department of Law of the University of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2014. He was an inaugural member of the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council (2013-2019) and Director of the Duke-HKU Asia America Institute in Transnational Law (2005-2016), and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Australian Centre for International Finance and Regulation from 2010-2016. In 2007, he received HKU’s Outstanding Young Researcher Award. He holds a BA from Drury College (where he studied literature, economics and political science), a JD (cum laude) from Southern Methodist University, an LLM (with distinction) in banking and finance law from the University of London (Queen Mary College), and a PhD from the University of London.



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## **Sireesh Pachava**

Word-Wide & U.S. Financial Sector Lead for Regulatory Engagement at Amazon Web Services

Sireesh Pachava is the US Financial Services Lead for Regulatory Engagement, AWS Security Assurance. He focuses on engaging on Cloud, Digital specific Security, Compliance and, Risk Management areas with the US Regulatory and, Supervisory agencies. He has significant executive level cross functional industry experience across regulatory compliance, market & operational risk management, info-security, regulatory exams and, building/scaling multi-million dollar digital business.

Prior to AWS, he held senior leadership roles at several leading financial institutions, fin-tech and management consulting with deep experience in operationalizing and, building solutions to hard risk, compliance problems at scale. He serves pro-bono on risk & compliance non-profit associations. He has a MS from Columbia University, a CRISC & AWS Security Specialty certification and, has completed the US FedRAMP Level 300 master course. He has been quoted/featured in: State Street Risk 2020 vision whitepaper; Global risk benchmark study 2008, 2010; New Yorker Singapore Economic Development Board survey; Quantitative Finance Journal, and Journal of Regulation & Risk.

He has served as a guide/mentor at the Columbia University Venture Competition, Stanford University Digital Vision fellowship program, University of Washington (UW) Startup Lab, Indian Institute of IT (IIIT). He has served pro bono on the Board of directors at the Reuters Centenary Fund UK and volunteers at PRMIA Seattle, and Mary's Place Seattle.



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