"The Power of Corporate Networks: A Comparative and Historical perspective"

University of Lausanne – August 27th-28th 2012

Monday 27th August

Château de Dorigny, room 106

9.00am-9.30am: Registration and coffee
9.30am-12.00pm:
- Thomas David (University of Lausanne) and Gerarda Westerhuis (Utrecht University): Introduction: comparing corporate networks.

Part I - Liberal and coordinated market economies: two stereotypes?

- Mark Mizruchi (University of Michigan) and Todd Schifeling (University of Michigan): The Decline of the American Corporate Network, 1960-2010.
- Gerhard Schnyder (King's College) and John Wilson (University of Liverpool Management School, UK): Strategies, structures and networks: The transformation of UK business, 1904-2010.
- Paul Windolf (Uni. of Trier): Corporate Networks in the 20th Century. Germany, United States, and France in comparison.
- Commentator: Mary O'Sullivan (University of Geneva)
- Chair: Thomas David (University of Lausanne)

12.00pm-2.00pm: Lunch

2.00pm-4.30pm:

Part II - Small European economies

- Gerarda Westerhuis (Utrecht University): The role of banks in the emergence, consolidation and decline of the Dutch corporate network.
- Thomas David, Stéphanie Ginalski and André Mach (University of Lausanne): From national cohesion to transnationalization: the changing role of banks in the Swiss company network (1910-2010).
- Commentator: Matthieu Leimgruber (University of Geneva)
- Chair: Laurent Tissot (University of Neuchâtel)

7 pm: Dinner at Le Raisin
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9.00am-10.30am:  
Part III - State capitalism  

10.50am-12.45pm:  
Part IV - « Peripheral » Europe  
- Álvaro Ferreira da Silva (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) and Pedro Neves (Universidade Técnica de Lisboa): Business coalitions and segmentation: dynamics of the Portuguese corporate network.  
- Martin Ivanov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and Georgy Ganev (Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia & University of Sofia): Bulgarian Business Elite, 1910s-1940s: Are Interlocking Directorates Good for Growth?  
- Susanna Fellman (University of Gothenburg) and Kari-Matti Piilahiti: “From tight to loose?” Corporate networks and interlocking directorship in Finnish business in the 20th century.  

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Part V - Developmental « Tigers »  
- Andrea Lluch (National Research Council, Argentina and CEHDE, San Andres University) and Erica Salvaj (Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago): A longitudinal study of interlocking directories in Argentina and foreign firms' integration into the local capitalism (1923-2000).  
- Satoshi Koibuchi (Chuo University) and Tetsuji Okazaki (The University of Tokyo): Corporate networks in Japan, 1911-1992.  
- Zong-Rong Lee (Academica Sinica, Taiwan) and Thijs Velema (National Taiwan University): Between State Power and Familism: the Directorate Interlock Network in Taiwan throughout the Twentieth Century.  

4.30pm-5.00pm: Conclusion

7.30 pm: Dinner at Le Vieux Lausanne