



## **GENDER DIVERSITY AND THE RELATIONAL THEORY IN BOARDS OF DIRECTORS**

**Lunchtime Lecture**  
**Tuesday, 9 June 2015, 12 – 1 PM**  
**Law Centre, Room 197, U of A**

Gender diversity in the boards of directors of large corporations is a key topic in corporate governance across Europe. Despite some progress over the past few years, the rate of change remains slow. To address this issue, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a Directive establishing a minimum threshold of 40 percent of the under-represented sex in non-executive board-member positions in listed companies and a “flexi quota” for executive directors, to be met by 2020. This public lecture examines how the greater gender diversity in decision making leads to an increase in the perceived fairness of company outcomes and enhanced relationships with stakeholders.

**The event is free and open for the public. Light refreshments will be provided.**  
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Guest speaker **Dr Remus Valsan** is Lecturer in corporate law and programme director of the LLM in corporate law at the University of Edinburgh School of Law. Prior to joining the University of Edinburgh, Dr Valsan studied at law McGill University, Montreal (Doctor of Civil Law), University of Alberta, Edmonton (Master of Laws) and Nicolae Titulescu University, Bucharest (Bachelor of Civil Law). His main research interests lie in the fields of comparative corporate governance, trusts and fiduciary duties, and law and economics.



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