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The Economy of Communion as Stakeholder Capitalism: Exploring Religion's Evolving Influence on Business

October 2021 - Online

PROGRAM AND DETAILS AT law.fordham.edu/EoC2021

In 2019, the Business Roundtable redefined the purpose of a corporation to promote "an economy that serves all Americans." In 2020, the New York Times endorsed this redefinition of corporate purpose fifty years after Milton Friedman's editorial and amid protests for recognizing and including all. This year the Fordham University School of Law's Institute on Religion, Law, and Lawyer's Work and Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding invite you to explore how business can accomplish these humanistic goals. The Economy of Communion (EoC) is an economic model created within the Catholic tradition positing that business exists for the benefit of all people who make up a workplace, workforce, and marketplace. Religion has long influenced the norms and practices in which business is conducted, iconically with the Weberian "work ethic" informing capitalism. This conference will explore the continuing evolution of its relationship with business from a religiously diverse lens over four one-hour sessions each Tuesday in October. There will also be two Thursday sessions for reflection and networking.

Session I - October 5, 11 am to 12 pm

The Business Purpose Question as the Question of Purpose

Session II - October 12, 11 am to 12 pm

Practicing Inclusion in the Contemporary Workspace
- *A space for small business and middle-management practitioners of diversity and inclusion to share their experiences doing so.*

Session III - October 19, 7 pm to 8 pm

The Nuts-and-Bolts: EoC Business Operations and Governance - *On How Such Businesses Function Like Businesses: Making Money and Codifying Social Purpose in Articles of Organization, Bylaws, and Other Governance Structures.*

Session IV - October 26, 7 pm to 8 pm

The Every day of Communion - *Exploration by and for ERG leaders + Chief Diversity Officers of the application of the EoC in their work.*

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