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Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 2019 in the subject Law - Civil / Private / Trade / Anti Trust Law / Business Law, grade: A, University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh Law School), course: Dissertation in Law, language: English, abstract: This paper presents a reassessing the convergence thesis. It takes the adoption of the new German Corporate Governance Code 2019 ("GCGC") as an opportunity to verify the thesis whether signs of convergence of contrasting corporate governance systems towards a single model are evident. For this purpose, a comparative analysis of the GCGC and the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018 ("UKCGC") is conducted. The UKCGC and the GCGC originate from competing corporate governance systems – the UK (enlightened) shareholder value model and the German

stakeholder model – so the two Codes are ideally suited for a comparative analysis to verify the convergence thesis. It shows that the advancing globalization has generally contributed to a shift towards an Anglo-American corporate governance pattern in European countries. Convergence is also attributable to the harmonization of national laws through EU legislation. The comparative analysis of the UKCGC and the GCGC reveals broad signs of convergence with a large number of similar corporate governance mechanisms and provisions. Nevertheless, there are still region-specific differences in the Corporate Governance Codes that can be traced to the underlying corporate governance philosophy. However, board practice demonstrates that the structural differences between the two corporate governance systems are blurring. The comparative analysis also illustrates that the Corporate Governance Codes are converging from both sides. Has there been convergence of corporate governance systems? There has been a great deal of controversy on this issue in the last ten years, and it is likely that this debate is to re-emerge in the context of the current financial crisis. In this paper I use a new quantitative methodology ('leximetrics') in order to answer the question of whether there has been convergence, divergence or persistence of the legal rules which shape country-level differences in corporate governance. The paper is based on new indices which code the development of shareholder, creditor, and worker protection in France, Germany, India, the UK and the US from 1970 to 2005. The main result is that one has to distinguish between different areas of law: the laws have converged in shareholder protection, they have diverged in worker protection and in creditor protection converging and diverging trends even

out. These results do not depend on the distinction between Civil Law and Common Law countries. This paper is part of a wider research project. The related papers can be downloaded at: "<http://ssrn.com/abstract=897479>" <http://ssrn.com/abstract=897479> and "<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1431008>" <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1431008>. The paper reviews the corporate governance from his evolution point of view. The used perspective is a discussion between convergence and divergence in corporate governance of financial intermediaries. The discussion is core for researches in scientific and implementation papers for last fifty years. Based on "principal-agent" model the paper illustrates both the dynamics of corporate governance and contemporary points of view for convergence and divergence of systems and practices. The functional convergence for corporate governance of financial intermediaries outruns the formal convergence. The decisions at national and international level are responds to market reality. The globalization process is leading for convergence of corporate governance, until shareholders' ownership - for divergence. The internal corporate governance is defined by path-dependence of the company. The revealed convergence concerns ownership rights and board accountability. The external corporate governance is defined by the globalization. The auditors have convergence their practices for transparency to shareholders and investors. The regulators are convergent by requirements of stock exchanges. for many years been heavily dependent on bank financing, and this situation has not changed fundamentally. In his paper on stock exchange governance in the European Union Guido Ferrarini discusses the

relative merits of member and investor ownership and compares stock exchange regulation in a number of EU countries. Faced with increasing competition amongst themselves and against other enterprises that offer transaction services, such as proprietary trading systems, it is essential for European stock exchanges to improve their efficiency and to generate volume. Large investments in new information technology are necessary in order to preserve competitiveness in a global financial market. The implementation of the ISD has accelerated cross-border transaction activity of member firms and investors and strengthened the pressure for convergence of national stock exchange laws in the EU. In their paper, Francesco Giavazzi and Marco Battaglini look at the role played by banks in privatization processes. Banks can be involved in such processes in several ways. They may themselves be the objects of privatization since in many countries a significant fraction of the banking industry is publicly owned. This is the case in France, Spain and Italy. But banks can also be important buyers of the equity of industrial firms sold by the government if they are allowed to do so. The authors characterize privatizations as a very good opportunity to set up the right environment for the development of new financial intermediaries and in general for a sound corporate governance system. Corporate law and corporate governance have been at the forefront of regulatory activities across the world for several decades now, and are subject to increasing public attention following the Global Financial Crisis of 2008. The Oxford Handbook of Corporate Law and Governance provides the global framework necessary to understand the aims and methods of legal research in this field. Written by leading scholars from around the

world, the Handbook contains a rich variety of chapters that provide a comparative and functional overview of corporate governance. It opens with the central theoretical approaches and methodologies in corporate law scholarship in Part I, before examining core substantive topics in corporate law, including shareholder rights, takeovers and restructuring, and minority rights in Part II. Part III focuses on new challenges in the field, including conflicts between Western and Asian corporate governance environments, the rise of foreign ownership, and emerging markets. Enforcement issues are covered in Part IV, and Part V takes a broader approach, examining those areas of law and finance that are interwoven with corporate governance, including insolvency, taxation, and securities law as well as financial regulation. The Handbook is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary resource placing corporate law and governance in its wider context, and is essential reading for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in the field. Takes readers through an in-depth examination of many leading industrialized nations and identifies both the drivers that propel corporations towards convergence and the major impediments that stand in the way of convergence. Also examines many mechanisms of convergence such as governance codes, MNCs, and IPOs. Corporate governance is on the reform agenda all over the world. How will global economic integration affect the different systems of corporate ownership and governance? Is the Anglo-American model of shareholder capitalism destined to become the template for a converging global corporate governance standard or will the differences persist? This reader contains classic work from leading scholars addressing this question as well as several new essays. In a

sophisticated political economy analysis that is also attuned to the legal framework, the authors bring to bear efficiency arguments, politics, institutional economics, international relations, industrial organization, and property rights. These questions have become even more important in light of the post-Enron corporate governance crisis in the United States and the European Union's repeated efforts at corporate integration. This will become a key text for postgraduates and academics. *Corporate Governance In A Globalising World: Convergence Or Divergence?* presents a broad and multi-disciplinary debate on corporate governance systems by integrating academic viewpoints, statistical evidence, as well as field surveys. Based on a large number of publications and studies, the opinions of researchers are grouped into three categories: those that believe in a convergence into the direction of the market-oriented model (with the Anglo-American model as the reference base), those that opt for another type of convergence, namely in the direction of a hybrid corporate governance model (based on cross-reference between different leading governance models), and those that do not believe in global convergence but adhere to diversity of governance models. Pundits of globalization predict the eventual demise of the stakeholder corporate governance model found in Europe and Japan and its replacement by the Anglo-American shareholder model. Were this to occur, it would sharply change the relationship of employees to their employer in many parts of the world. Yet it's not obvious that convergence is inevitable. There is considerable inertia and persistence of national governance models due to factors such as path dependence, bounded rationality, uncertain macroeconomic benefits, and weak globalization pressures. Moreover, while one can find evidence of

institutional diffusion across borders, it occurs in multiple directions; not all roads lead to Wall Street. Some scholars have argued that the corporate governance systems of the major economies are likely to converge towards the economically best system at a rapid pace, while others maintain that such convergence will not occur because of a variety of forms of path dependence. In this article we first describe the evolution of the different systems. Then we search for evidence that convergence of corporate governance is correlated with globalisation, i.e. governance systems will converge to a certain degree and that the fear of an "inefficient convergence" is unfounded. We do so by describing the present efforts for a unification of the corporate governance systems. The number of standards-setting bodies and multilateral institutions that have been set up in recent times to foster good corporate governance worldwide is testimony to the heightened interest in this particular issue. In addition we present arguments for a further harmonisation and weaken the theories against it. We conclude that the systems will converge because the pressure of change is stronger than the tendencies of persistence. In addition we argue that systems composed of useful elements of different systems can be optimal. This paper contributes to the research on corporate governance by predicting the effects of European takeover regulation. In particular, we investigate whether the recent reforms of takeover regulation in Europe are leading to a harmonization of the national legislations. With the help of 150 corporate governance lawyers, we collected the main changes in takeover regulation for 30 European countries. We assess whether a process of convergence towards the Anglo-(American) corporate governance system has been



started. We conclude that this is the case. We make predictions as to the consequences of the reforms for ownership and control. We find that, while in some countries the adoption of a unified takeover code may result in dispersed ownership, in others it may further consolidate the blockholder-based system. The process of economic globalization, as product and capital markets have become increasingly integrated since WWII, has placed huge, and it is argued by some, irresistible pressures on the world's 'insider' stakeholder oriented corporate governance systems. Insider corporate governance systems in countries such as Germany, so the argument goes, should converge or be transformed by global product and capital market pressures to the 'superior' shareholder oriented 'outsider' corporate governance model prevalent in the UK and the US. What these pressures from globalization are, how they manifest themselves, whether they are likely to cause such a convergence/transformation and whether these pressures will continue, lie at the heart of the exploration in this volume. The Globalization of Corporate Governance provides a detailed analysis of the evolution of the key corporate governance systems in the UK, the US and Germany from the perspective of the development of economic globalization. As such it is a valuable resource for those interested in how economic and legal reforms interact to produce change within corporate governance systems. This volume provides an up-to-the-minute survey of the field of corporate governance, focusing particularly on issues of convergence and diversity. A number of topics are discussed including bankruptcy procedures, initial public offerings, the role of large stakes, comparative corporate governance, and institutional investors. Since October 2004, the idea of a European

Company, the *Societas Europaea*, has become reality and companies are allowed to incorporate in this legal form. Concerning corporate governance, the Statute allows the companies to choose between a two-tier organizational structure typical for Civil Law countries and a one-tier organizational structure which is predominant in Anglo-Saxon Common Law countries. By analyzing the regulations of Austria and the United Kingdom for the two board systems to elaborate the respective advantages and pitfalls, we find a strong evolution of the systems towards each other. As the board system is an integral component of a corporate governance system, the *Societas Europaea* highlights a major step towards convergence of these systems.

*Corporate Governance In A Globalising World: Convergence Or Divergence?* presents a broad and multi-disciplinary debate on corporate governance systems by integrating academic viewpoints, statistical evidence, as well as field surveys. Based on a large number of publications and studies, the opinions of researchers are grouped into three categories: those that believe in a convergence into the direction of the market-oriented model (with the Anglo-American model as the reference base), those that opt for another type of convergence, namely in the direction of a hybrid corporate governance model (based on cross-reference between different leading governance models), and those that do not believe in global convergence but adhere to diversity of governance models. Some scholars have argued that globalization should pressure firms to adopt a common set of the most efficient corporate governance practices, while others maintain that such convergence will not occur because of a variety of forms of path-dependence. With hitherto unused data from 24 developing countries and 13

European countries, we search for evidence that globalization is correlated with convergence of corporate governance. We distinguish "convergence in form" from "convergence in function," and de jure from de facto convergence. We find robust evidence of de jure convergence in form at the country level. Interestingly, this is not driven by convergence to U.S. standards. Rather pairs of economically interdependent countries appear to adopt common corporate governance standards. In contrast to the de jure results, we find virtually no evidence of de facto convergence in corporate governance in form or function in a battery of estimations at the country, industry and firm levels. The possible convergence of international systems of corporate governance has become the topic of a lively debate. In opposition to the political theory (Roe 1991, 1994), Gilson (2000) and Coffee (1999) have persuasively argued that although little formal convergence may be taking place in ownership and board structure, corporate behaviour seems to be converging in a functional sense. This paper reviews Coffee's argument and some of the ensuing debate emphasising internationalisation of equity markets as the powerful driving force behind convergence. But while the debate has focused rather narrowly on convergence of European governance to American standards, I argue that US corporate governance has also converged to European standards: insider ownership and managerial incentives have increased; outside board members, independent subcommittees and chairmen have become more common and the banking system has been deregulated to allow banks to play a more active governance role. This thesis aims to consider the debates in the field of corporate governance in the fact that there have been and will be dramatic

changes in the structure of corporate activities, such as the nature of work and the organization of corporations, as well as the influences of reforms in the financial reforms. Moreover, the emergence of institutional investment in the financial markets, the process of globalization and the development of electronic commerce have the influences on the corporate governance both in Canada and in China. There is an immense magnitude of discussion on various aspects of corporate governance in the academic field. This thesis will focus on comparing two rather distinctive systems of corporate governance, with respect to three specific aspects of the corporate governance. Those are: the board of directors, the role of shareholders, the roles of banks and investors in the two countries, also the reforms in China. Moreover, the convergence of the two corporate governance systems is introduced. This paper examines the interplay between selection-driven functional adaptivity on the one hand, and formal institutional persistence or path dependency on the other, that will determine whether such corporate governance convergence as we observe will be formal or functional. Five combinations of formal and functional convergence are considered: 1) purely functional convergence, as with the displacement of inefficient management; 2) the use of formal tools to catalyze the breakdown of formal barriers to functional convergence as with the elimination of tax on the sale of cross holdings; 3) the need for elements of both formal and functional convergence as with the creation of the institutional infrastructure that supports a venture capital market; 4) convergence by contract as with security design or foreign stock exchange listing; and 5) convergence through regulatory competition -- the hybrid of private and public ordering

introduced to the European Community by the European Court of Justice's recent decision in Centros. This paper analyses the link between culture and corporate governance. In particular, it demonstrates the impact of culture in inhibiting convergence of corporate governance. Overall, the paper provides an appraisal of corporate governance laws in stakeholder-oriented States that have endured market pressure for convergence. It reveals a strong propensity for cultural norms to dictate regulatory reforms. The paper illustrates that alterations towards shareholder-oriented model is mostly in areas where States seek to enhance transparency and accountability to attract capital as oppose to the assertion that shareholder-oriented model is more efficient. It advances the convergence debate by asserting the implications of social institutions on regulatory reform of corporate governance. Cross-border mergers allow firms to alter the level of protection they provide to their investors, because target firms usually import the corporate governance system of the acquiring company. This article extends the existing literature by evaluating the effect of changes in corporate governance induced by cross-border mergers on industry value, instead of focusing on cross-country comparisons. We construct measures of the change in investor protection induced by cross-border mergers in a sample of 9,277 industry-country-year observations. We find that the Tobin's Q of an industry increases when firms within the industry are acquired by foreign firms coming from countries with better corporate governance. In addition, we show that acquisitions of firms in countries with less protective regimes--French and German legal origin--have a negative impact on the acquiror's value. Conversely, target industries benefit from acquisitions by firms from countries

with better corporate governance--English and Scandinavian legal origin. Ours is among the first studies to document in a panel-data framework that improving investor protection creates value. This paper reviews the bo ... On the one hand, it can be argued that the increasing economic and political interdependence of countries has led to the convergence of national legal systems. On the other hand, advocates of the counterhypothesis maintain that this development is both unrealistic and unnecessary. Mathias Siems examines the company law of the UK, the USA, Germany, France, Japan and China to see how this issue affects shareholder law. The author subsequently analyses economic and political factors which may or may not lead to convergence, and assesses the extent of this development. Convergence of Shareholder Law not only provides a thorough comparative legal analysis but also shows how company law interconnects with political forces and economic development and helps in evaluating whether harmonisation and shareholder protection should be enhanced. This research handbook provides a state-of-the-art perspective on how corporate governance differs between countries around the world. It covers highly topical issues including corporate purpose, corporate social responsibility and shareholder activism. Purpose - This paper develops a discussion looking at the correlation between corporate governance convergence, that how similar is corporate governance between the said countries. Design/methodology/approach - This study entails Australia, The United States of America, The United Kingdom France, Germany and Italy. The data collected is from public listed corporations from 2000 - 2006 for the development of multivariate regression models for parametric data. These developed models are constructed to test relationships between

dependant and independent variables in line with research questions and hypotheses. Findings - The findings found that there is a general correlation of compliance/convergence between common law and codified law countries. Originality/value - The paper will be of vital importance to other academics looking at this question, and to both public and private sector entities. Paper type - Research Paper. The process of economic globalization, as product and capital markets have become increasingly integrated since WWII, has placed huge, and it is argued by some, irresistible pressures on the world's 'insider' stakeholder oriented corporate governance systems. Insider corporate governance systems in countries such as Germany, so the argument goes, should converge or be transformed by global product and capital market pressures to the 'superior' shareholder oriented 'outsider' corporate governance model prevalent in the UK and the US. What these pressures from globalization are, how they manifest themselves, whether they are likely to cause such a convergence/transformation and whether these pressures will continue, lie at the heart of the exploration in this volume. The Globalization of Corporate Governance provides a detailed analysis of the evolution of the key corporate governance systems in the UK, the US and Germany from the perspective of the development of economic globalization. As such it is a valuable resource for those interested in how economic and legal reforms interact to produce change within corporate governance systems.

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