

# Berkeley Corporate + Climate Summit

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**8:00 AM    REGISTRATION**

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**9:00 AM    WELCOME REMARKS**

**Stavros Gadinis**, Professor of Law, Berkeley Law

**Angeli Patel**, Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law and Business

**Panos N. Patatoukas**, L.H. Penney Chair Professor, Co-Director, Sustainable & Impact Finance, Berkeley Haas

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**9:05 AM    LEVERAGING AI & INNOVATION FOR CLIMATE IMPACT**

**Catherine Atkin**, Climate Data Policy Initiative Co-chair, CodeX, The Stanford Center for Legal Informatics

**Daphne de Jong**, Founder and CEO, Ven

**Jay Hirschton**, Chief Operating Officer, Vibrant Data Labs

**William Kletter**, Vice President of Operations and Strategy, ClimateAI

*Moderator:*

**Angeli Patel**, Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law and Business

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**9:50 AM    MORNING BREAK**

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**10:00 AM    ALIGNING FORM & GOVERNANCE FOR CLIMATE OUTCOMES**

**Alina Ball**, Director, Social Enterprise Clinic at Berkeley Law

**Darryl Carbonaro**, General Counsel, Generate Capital

**Susan Mac Cormac**, Partner, Morrison Foerster

**Andrew Winden**, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon School of Law

*Moderator:*

**Amelia Miazad**, Professor, UC Davis School of Law

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## 10:55 AM MEASUREMENT & CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

**Tripp Borstel**, Managing Director, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young

**Vrushali Gaud**, Global Director, Google

**Mark Kramer**, Partner, Congruence Capital and Maternal Newborn Health Innovations

**Alicia Seiger**, Visiting Scholar, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

*Moderator:*

**Panos Patatoukas**, L.H. Penney Chair Professor, Co-Director, Sustainable & Impact Finance, Berkeley Haas

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## 12:05 PM KEYNOTE LUNCH: THE STATE OF CLIMATE FINANCE

**Paul Bodnar**, Director of Sustainable Finance, Industry, and Diplomacy, Bezos Earth Fund

**Colin Le Duc**, Founding Partner, Generation Investment Management

*In conversation with:*

**Kate Gordon**, CEO, California Forward

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## 1:05 PM OPEN SESSION: ANTI-ESG PUSHBACK AND EVOLVING LITIGATION RISKS

**Aron Cramer**, President and CEO, Business for Social Responsibility

*In conversation with:*

**Christin Hill**, Partner, Morrison Foerster

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**1:50 PM NETWORKING BREAK**

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**2:10 PM DISCLOSURE STRATEGIES IN A PATCHWORK ERA**

**Verity Chegar**, Board Member, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

**Sam Houshower**, Counsel, Freshfields

**Kristina Wyatt**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Persephoni

*Moderator:*

**Stavros Gadinis**, Professor of Law, Berkeley Law

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**3:05 PM WHERE CLIMATE MEETS CAPITAL: ASSET MANAGER PRIORITIES**

**Ilmi Granoff**, Senior Fellow, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law

**Nuin-Tara Key**, Executive Director of Programs, California Forward

**Kirsten Spalding**, Vice President of Investor Network, Ceres

*Moderator:*

**Vik Viniak**, Board Member, Kairos Mobility & Envira Global

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**4:00 PM KEYNOTE: HOW SPACE TECHNOLOGY IS REVOLUTIONIZING CLIMATE ACTION**

**Robbie Schingler**, Co-Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, Planet Labs

*In conversation with:*

**Darek DeFreece**, Executive Director, Berkeley Space Center

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## 4:50 PM CLOSING REMARKS

**Stavros Gadinis**, Professor, Berkeley Law

**Susan Mac Cormac**, Partner, Morrison Foerster

**Panos N. Patatoukas**, L.H. Penney Chair Professor, Co-Director, Sustainable & Impact Finance, Berkeley Haas

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## 5:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR

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**Catherine Atkin** is an attorney and global expert on climate disclosure, carbon markets and the application of AI and Blockchain technologies. She is the Co-founder of the Global Digital Single Market Data Alliance where she engages with governments internationally to develop open source corporate reporting and carbon trading systems and works closely with the UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub on projects to drive low emissions sustainable development. She is the Director of Carbon Accountable and was an architect and the chief technical and legal advisor on California's recently enacted corporate GHG emissions disclosure law, a first in the nation requirement for full scope emissions reporting by the largest US companies. As the Co-chair of the Stanford CodeX Climate Data Policy Initiative (CDPI) she brings together climate experts, policy makers and technologists to explore how next-gen technologies can improve the quality and quantity of global climate data. She received a BA from Stanford University, a law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law and a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of California Los Angeles.



**Alina Ball** is the founding director of the Social Enterprise Clinic at Berkeley Law. This in-house corporate law clinic is a unique blend of transactional lawyering with an eye towards critically examining issues of racial and social justice. Her scholarship explores the intersection of transactional lawyering, economic justice, and social movements. She was recognized as a 2015-16 AALS Bellow Scholar for her corporate representation and collaborations to increase access to safe drinking water in rural communities. In 2018, Ball received the AALS Shanara Gilbert Award acknowledging her commitment to teaching and advancing racial and social justice through clinical legal education. She currently serves as the co-chair of the AALS Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest. Prior to joining the faculty at Berkeley Law, she was the Bion M. Gregory Chair in Business Law at UC Law SF and faculty co-director of the Center for Racial and Economic Justice. Before her career in academia, Professor Ball was a corporate associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, in San Francisco and Washington, DC, where her practice focused on representing private and public companies in debt, venture capital, private equity, and M&A transactions. She received her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. from UCLA School of Law, with a specialization in Critical Race Studies, and B.A. degree from Wellesley College, majoring in Mathematics and Spanish, with a concentration in Latin American Studies.

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**Paul Bodnar** is the Director of Sustainable Finance, Industry, and Diplomacy at the Bezos Earth Fund. He most recently served as Global Head of Sustainable Investing at BlackRock, where he helped build the firm's \$500 billion sustainable funds business, and also served as Head of Sustainability Policy and Engagement. Prior to joining BlackRock, Paul held a variety of leadership positions in finance, government, and civil society. He was Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Council member at RMI (formerly Rocky Mountain Institute), where he founded the Center for Climate- Aligned Finance. Paul served in the Obama White House as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change at the National Security Council. Prior to that, Paul served at the State Department as U.S. lead negotiator for climate finance. Earlier in his career, Paul was Director for Carbon Finance at Climate Change Capital's \$1.2 billion carbon fund, where he structured the fund's largest investments. He was also co-founder and partner at Vertis Environmental Finance, a leading European environmental commodity brokerage. Paul holds a BA from Stanford and an MA from Harvard.



**Tripp Borstel** is a leader in CCaSS' climate change and decarbonization practice managing a cross-disciplinary team. He is passionate about collaborating with leaders to develop sustainability and culture strategies that protect and create value while striving to keep global warming under 1.5 degrees Celsius. Tripp's expertise spans various sectors, including consumer goods and the health, science and wellness industries. Before joining EY, Tripp served as a director at ENGIE Impact. During this time, he designed the firm's net-zero transformation methodology which integrated storytelling and science-based targets. Tripp also worked in the sustainability practice of another Big 4 firm, where he supported creating the nation's first city climate action plan aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement. Tripp graduated from the Haas School of Business at University of California, Berkeley, where he earned his MBA.

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**Darryl Carbonaro** is General Counsel at Generate Capital. Darryl brings more than 20 years of experience in financing of all types of energy assets, including hydroelectric facilities along the Danube, utility scale wind projects in California, and residential solar installations around the United States. A former chemical engineer focused on downstream waste treatment technologies, Darryl began his legal career at White & Case in New York focused on project finance and tax equity investments, then moved to Dechert LLP in San Francisco to focus on structured finance and securitization. He served as an assistant general counsel for six years at Bank of America, where he helped launch the bank's renewable energy finance and energy efficiency finance groups. Prior to joining Generate, Darryl was a managing director and deputy general counsel for a technology-enabled consumer finance company focused on solar energy, energy efficiency, and home improvements. Darryl earned a JD from Pace Law School and a BS in Chemical Engineering from Drexel University.



**Verity Chegar** was appointed as a full-time member of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) in June 2022, effective 15 July 2022. Prior to becoming an ISSB member, Chegar held a variety of ESG investment leadership positions. Most recently, she led the California State Teachers' Retirement System's (CalSTRS) policy on sustainable investment and stewardship issues and managed the pension fund's work to reach its net zero ambition. Before that Chegar worked at BlackRock, where she integrated ESG into the investment process across the firm's global portfolio management group of public and private investment teams and advanced the consideration of material environmental and social issues for engagement and proxy voting teams. Before BlackRock, she was a sustainability research analyst at Allianz Global Investors, rating the sustainability performance and outlook of global technology and global healthcare companies for investment implications. Chegar also has a wealth of sustainability standard-setting expertise. She began participating in SASB's standard-setting process in 2014 as a member of the SASB Standards Council's Sub-Committee on Metrics. She went on to serve as an inaugural member of the SASB Standards Board from 2017 and as Co-Vice Chair from 2018 to 2022. She also served as Board Liaison to the SASB Standards Investor Advisory Group. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in the US.



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**Aron Cramer** is recognized globally as a preeminent authority on just and sustainable business. In addition to leading BSR, which has grown substantially throughout his tenure as President and CEO, Aron advises senior executives at BSR's 300+ member companies and other global businesses and partners on the full spectrum of environmental, social, and governance issues. Aron joined BSR in 1995 as the founding director of its Business and Human Rights program. He later opened BSR's Paris office in 2002, where he worked until becoming President and CEO in 2004. Aron has served on advisory boards to CEOs at AXA, Barrick Gold, Marks & Spencer, Nike, Recruit Holdings, SAP, Shell, and he serves as a director of the We Mean Business Coalition and RISE.

Aron speaks frequently at leading business and public fora and is widely quoted in top-tier media, such as the Financial Times, Le Figaro (France), The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Axios, and Politico. He is co-author of the book *Sustainable Excellence: The Future of Business in a Fast-Changing World*, which spotlights innovative sustainability strategies that enable business success.

Prior to joining BSR, Aron practiced law in San Francisco and worked as a journalist at ABC News in New York. He holds a BA from Tufts University and a JD from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Darek DeFreece** leads large strategic initiatives for the UC Berkeley campus, including the Berkeley Space Center. He has been an attorney and capital markets executive for more than 20 years at various global financial and investment management firms. He separately advises a number of early stage companies and venture capital. He received his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and his juris doctorate from Boston College Law School.

Mr. DeFreece has served on the boards of numerous educational and non-profit organizations, including as a regent of the University of California, the president of the Cal Alumni Association, advisor to the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley and trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation. He is a Berkeley Fellow. Currently, he is a member of the finance committee for the Trevor Project, a national non-profit focused on crisis intervention and suicide prevention for LGBTQ youth and the chair of the Board for the Grammy award winning Pacific Boychoir Academy in Oakland, California.

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**Daphne de Jong** is the CEO of Ven, providing automated underwriting for new climate assets. She is an aerospace engineer and has worked in engineering and product management for the last 11 years, with a strong focus on electric- and autonomous vehicles. She has co-founded 2 startups of which one was acquired by the Dutch Air Force. She moved to the US from the Netherlands to work for NASA Ames, focused on autonomous systems. She joined as one of the first team members of Amazon Prime Air, working on autonomous delivery drones. She followed to work for Waymo, Google self-driving, where she was a product manager focused on writing a playbook on what it takes to deploy autonomous vehicles on public roads, both from a data science perspective, as well as regulatory and safety. She was then recruited by SpaceX, where she started the product team under Starlink. There she worked with automotive customers, as well as special forces, stealth aircraft, commercial enterprises, and third world countries. She has presented at more than 15 conferences and has advised multiple startups. In her free time she is a sponsored kiteboarder and a previously sponsored alpinist.



**Vrushali Gaud** specializes in helping corporate teams navigate sustainability-led transformations. Currently a Director at Google, she is responsible for strategy and execution of NetZero, carbon reduction and clean energy across Google operations and its value chain. Prior to that, as a Managing Director at Accenture, she helped build and scale the sustainability practice, with a deep focus on climate risk, carbon emissions management and ESG technology solutions. Vrushali started her career in the automotive sector, and subsequently worked in the policy and advocacy space as an advisor for IIRC (now part of the ISSB - International Sustainability Standards Board) to accelerate the adoption of non-financial reporting across Asia. USA. Her experiences having lived and worked in the US, UK and Southeast Asia have shaped her belief that every person, every job, every company can thrive at the intersection of 'impact' and 'value' .. and strive towards a newer vision of capitalism. Vrushali has a B.E in Mechanical Engineering from Pune Univ. India; M.S in Industrial Engineering from University of Wisconsin - Madison and MBA from Kelley University.

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**Stavros Gadinis** research examines questions in corporate law and financial regulation, both domestic and international. He is particularly interested in the interplay between companies and regulators, exploring the institutional framework for law enforcement, compliance, and risk management. In the last few years, he has focused on sustainability and social issues as an attempt to expand the scope of corporate governance. In *Corporate Law and Social Risk* (co-authored with Amelia Miazad)(2020 *Vanderbilt Law Review*), the focus is on stakeholder outreach as a governance system seeking to identify and address social risks for the business. In a follow-up article, *A Test of Stakeholder Capitalism* (co-authored with Amelia Miazad) they explore how corporations relied on feedback from stakeholders to address the implications of the Covid pandemic. His article *The Hidden Power of Compliance* (co-authored with Amelia Miazad)(2019 *Minnesota Law Review*) explores how extensive internal reporting within companies impacts the liability of board members. In *Collaborative Gatekeepers* (co-authored with Colby Mangels)(2016 *Washington & Lee Law Review*) he explores anti-money laundering law as a model of pro-active misconduct reporting. Gadinis' work has also traced the spread of financial standards around the world, showing how private, regulator, or government supports leads to distinct results (*Three Pathways to Global Standards*, 2015 *American Journal of International Law*). Gadinis has argued that systemic risk reforms introduced after the 2008 financial crisis has resulted in increasing the role of political appointees over independent regulators in the oversight of the financial system (2012 *California Law Review*). Before entering into academia, Gadinis practiced corporate law for four years in Europe. Gadinis completed his S.J.D. at Harvard in May 2010. He also holds an LL.M. degree from the University of Cambridge (UK), and a law degree from Aristotle University, Greece.

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**Kate Gordon** is the CEO of CA FWD, a statewide organization dedicated to a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive economy across every region of the state. Gordon has spent the past two decades working at the intersection of climate change, energy policy, and equitable economic development. Most recently, she served within the Biden-Harris administration as Senior Advisor to U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm. During her time at the Department of Energy, Gordon led a variety of locally focused initiatives to help drive a more sustainable and resilient energy transition, including creating the Community Benefits Plan framework for DOE funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act; driving the agency's efforts to site clean energy projects on DOE lands through the Cleanup to Clean Energy initiative; and collaborating with the White House to lead the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities. Gordon served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board (SEAB) through the end of the Biden-Harris administration. - International Sustainability Standards Board) to accelerate the adoption of non-financial reporting across Asia. USA. Her experiences having lived and worked in the US, UK and Southeast Asia have shaped her belief that every person, every job, every company can thrive at the intersection of 'impact' and 'value' .. and strive towards a newer vision of capitalism. Vrushali has a B.E in Mechanical Engineering from Pune Univ. India; M.S in Industrial Engineering from University of Wisconsin - Madison and MBA from Kelley University.

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**Ilmi Granoff** is an attorney and climate and sustainable finance expert with 25 years of experience—spanning public, private, and third-sector institutions—on the policy and financing of the transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas, sustainable economy. He is currently a partner at the strategic advisory firm Climate Technology Group and a Senior Fellow at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School. He is also a member of the Climate-related Financial Risk Advisory Committee (CFRAC) of the Financial Stability Oversight Council at the US Department of the Treasury, and a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics. Ilmi is a non-executive Director of Carbon Tracker Initiative, Inc. and a member of the Advisory Board of InfluenceMap. Previously, he created and led the Finance Program at the ClimateWorks Foundation as a Senior Director. He headed the Green Growth Business Unit at the Overseas Development Institute, served as the Special Counsel for Climate and Environment at the African Development Bank, practiced law in the global energy and infrastructure group at Freshfields, and worked at the United Nations Development Program. He holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law, master's degrees in international relations & environmental science from Yale University, & a B.A. (High Honors) from Swarthmore College.

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**Christin Hill** is a partner in Morrison Foerster's San Francisco office and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation group. Christin has extensive experience representing clients in securities class actions, derivative actions and other complex civil litigation in both federal and state courts, as well as in government and internal investigations. With over a decade of experience in private practice, Christin has successfully represented public companies and their boards of directors and officers in securities fraud actions, derivative actions, SEC enforcement actions, internal investigations, and general corporate counseling. She also has experience working with pre-IPO companies in complex civil litigation in both federal and state court, internal investigations, responding to government inquiries, and advising on general compliance matters. Before joining Morrison & Foerster, Christin served as senior counsel at Uber Technologies, Inc., where she managed complex civil litigation including consumer class actions, intellectual property matters, and government investigations. She was also a lead member of Uber's global compliance team, through which she created and implemented new compliance policies and training programs and advised company management in responding to government inquiries. Christin also served as an assistant district attorney in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she successfully prosecuted three misdemeanor criminal jury trials. Early in her career, she served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable John A. Houston in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

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**Jay Hirshton** has over two decades of leadership in social finance, philanthropy, and nonprofit sectors, building teams and scaling organizations. Jay is the COO of Vibrant Data Labs, a social mission company that amplifies the impact of climate funding by leveraging AI data tools. Previously, Jay was the CEO of Full Circle Fund and has led fundraising and operations for various international and national organizations. Jay is a fellow at the Stanford d. School, a graduate of the AltMBA, and has held numerous board leadership roles, including acting as the board chair for the Hatch Network.



**Sam Houshower** is a strategic regulatory advisor to companies navigating evolving regulatory regimes, bringing new products to market, or facing regulatory scrutiny. He counsels companies on regulatory strategy and compliance, investigations, audits and controversies, as well as product design and commercial matters in complex and highly-regulated industries. He counsels global brands on sustainability matters, including California's new landmark climate laws. Sam previously served in senior legal roles in government. From 2010 to 2016, he served in the White House Counsel's Office, ultimately as Associate White House Counsel, where he advised senior White House and executive branch officials on high-scrutiny matters and led the White House compliance team. During 2020 and 2021, Sam served as a legal director to the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition Team.



**Nuin-Tara Key** is Executive Director of Programs at California Forward. In this role, she supports the overall strategy and development of programs across the organization. She has nearly 20 years of experience in climate adaptation and mitigation policy, climate nance, urban and regional planning, and social and environmental equity. Prior to joining CA FWD, Nuin-Tara served as a Senior Advisor and Consultant, including working with Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC) to stand up the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership [<https://www.medclimate.org/>] (MCAP) and support implementation of the California Resilience Partnership [<https://www.rcc.city/california>] (CRP). She served as Director of the North America Public Sector Practice in the Climate and Resilience Hub (CRH) at WTW, a global risk and insurance rm, working with public sector clients to better manage climate risks and guide the transition to a net zero economy.

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**Will Kletter** is a leader in climate resilience and sustainability, boasting over 15 years of experience at the nexus of technology, policy, and investment. As the Chief Operating Officer at ClimateAi, the world's premier AI-driven climate resilience platform, Will orchestrates delivery of company strategy and global customer operations - from structuring initial partnerships to empowering businesses to realize value from ClimateAi's technology. Before joining ClimateAi in 2020, Will served as a Principal at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he guided companies in sectors such as Food & Agriculture, Chemicals, Automotive, and Industrial Manufacturing through strategic transformations and go-to-market strategies. His career is marked by diverse roles, including water policy research in India and impact investing across public and private markets, providing him with a comprehensive perspective on the challenges businesses face in adapting to climate change. At ClimateAi, Will has helped more than 50 businesses to enhance their resilience against climate volatility, including procurement professionals, sustainability leaders and supply chain managers. His expertise lies in integrating cutting-edge AI technology with practical business solutions, ensuring companies can proactively manage risks and thrive in a rapidly changing world.



**Mark Kramer** served as a Senior Lecturer of Business Administration at Harvard Business School from 2016 to 2023, and is co-founder of FSG, a global consulting firm which helps develop social impact strategies for many of the world's largest corporations and foundations. He is also a Founder and Director of Maternal Newborn Health Innovations and a Partner in the Congruence Capital investment fund. Mark is coauthor of the Harvard Business Review article "Creating Shared Value" (2011) and has spoken and published extensively on topics in philanthropy, corporate social responsibility, shared value, collective impact, strategic evaluation, and impact investing. He also serves as a Senior Fellow in the CSR Initiative at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Mark is a founder and served as initial Board Chair from 2000 to 2004 of Center for Effective Philanthropy, a non-profit research organisation in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prior to founding FSG, Mark served for twelve years as President of Kramer Capital Management, a venture capital firm, and before that as an Associate at the law firm Ropes & Gray in Boston. Mark previously served as a Director on the Shared Value Project and Shared Value Initiative Hong Kong Boards, and has now transitioned to the role of Chief Advisor for both organisations.



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**Colin Le Duc** is a Founding Partner of Generation Investment Management. Generation was established in 2004 as a dedicated sustainable investor. Colin is head of the firm's San Francisco office and focuses primarily on Generation's Private Markets businesses. He also serves as Vice Chair of Just Climate, a Generation business dedicated to climate-led investing. Prior to co-founding Generation Investment Management, he worked for Sustainable Asset Management in Zurich (now owned by Robeco), Arthur D. Little in London and TotalEnergies in Paris. Colin serves on the boards of the Ocean Conservancy and The Ostara Collective. Colin received a bachelor's degree in International Management and Modern Languages from the University of Bath, UK, and he completed the Corporate Finance Programme at London Business School. He has lived in nine countries across four continents.



**Susan Mac Cormac** is one of the co-chairs the ESG + Sustainability and Social Enterprise + Impact Investing practices. Her practice focuses on late-stage financings, secondaries, and other corporate transactions for investors, such as SoftBank and Temasek, and on investments for some of the top investors dedicated to impact, from "impact first" foundations to family offices to private equity funds. She co- led the drafting group for the first of the new corporate forms (the Social Purpose Corporation in California), has created hybrid/tandem corporate structures and crafted debt and equity instruments that blend impact with traditional financial terms, and has used corporate law to develop creative capital market solutions to pressing environmental problems. She also advises the boards of public and private companies on corporate governance and fiduciary duties as applied to sustainability and climate change. She was named a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) in 2012 and 2016 by Daily Journal and the Most Innovative Lawyer in North America in 2015 by the Financial Times.

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**Amelia Miazad** is an expert on the nexus between corporate law and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. Professor Miazad's work has been published in several law reviews including *Vanderbilt Law Review* (Corporate Law and Social Risk), *Minnesota Law Review* (The Hidden Power of Compliance), *UC Davis Law Review* (Sex, Power, and Corporate Governance), *UC Hastings Law Review* (Prosocial Antitrust), and the *Journal of Corporation Law* (A Test of Stakeholder Governance). Professor Miazad's work has been quoted by the business and legal media including *The Financial Times*, *Politico*, *The World Economic Forum*, *Law360*, and *The Recorder*. Before coming to UC Davis, Professor Miazad was a Senior Research Fellow at UC Berkeley School of Law. At Berkeley Law, Professor Miazad founded and led the Business in Society Institute. The Institute's mission is to define and advance a legal and policy agenda that encourages companies to account for stakeholders and the environment. Professor Miazad is a leading voice on ESG and stakeholder governance and regularly presents to audiences in the U.S. and internationally. Professor Miazad has created and teaches a number of courses for corporate executives and board members, including Sustainable Capitalism and ESG. Professor Miazad is also the creator and host of *The ESG Beat Podcast*, where she interviews both practitioners and academics on topics ranging from shareholder proposals on racial equity audits to board oversight of climate change. Professor Miazad received her J.D. from Berkeley Law.

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**Panos Patatoukas** is a professor and the L.H. Penney Chair in Accounting at the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. He received his PhD, MPhil, and MA from Yale, his MSc from the London School of Economics (with distinction), and his BA in accounting and finance (valedictorian) from Athens University of Economics & Business. Patatoukas' work focuses on interdisciplinary capital markets research in accounting, corporate finance, law, and economics and informs 'micro-to-macro' and 'macro-to-micro' questions bridging the gap between academics and practitioners. His expertise encompasses corporate reporting, financial statement analysis, corporate valuation, cross-industry economic links, and supply chain relations. Additionally, he specializes in measuring economic activity at both firm and national levels and in nowcasting and forecasting using a mix of financial and alternative data, such as environmental metrics and governance indicators. Patatoukas has earned significant recognition for his impact on capital markets research, including the 2017 and 2019 Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award by the American Accounting Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is an acclaimed educator, receiving the 2018 Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest teaching award from UC Berkeley's Chancellor, and five Earl F. Cheit Outstanding Teaching Awards (2022, 2021, 2017, 2015, 2012) from Berkeley Haas MBA and PhD students. Fortune also recognized him as a Top-10 Business School Professor under 40. In his roles at Berkeley, Patatoukas has served as the PhD Field Advisor for the Accounting Group, a member of the Academic Senate's Committee on Teaching, and a member of the MBA Degree Program Committee. He's the Director of the Center for Financial Reporting & Management, Co-Director of the Sustainable & Impact Finance Initiative, and a Core Faculty Fellow at the Berkeley Center for Law & Business. He co-founded the Business Review at Berkeley and directs the Economic Equity and Financial Education Program, partnering with the PG&E Corporation Foundation. Additionally, Patatoukas is the founding faculty director of several Berkeley ExecEd programs, including those on Financial Data Analysis for Executives, Intelligent Investing for Everyone, and Fundamentals of Corporate Finance and Reporting for Lawyers, and has created custom programs for various entities, including publicly traded companies, privately held organizations, startups, and sovereign wealth funds.

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**Angeli Patel** is the Executive Director of the Berkeley Center for Law and Business, where she focuses on advancing corporate strategy, governance, and innovation in a rapidly evolving global landscape. She is deeply engaged in UC Berkeley's innovation ecosystem, serving on the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Council and the Advisory Board of the Open Innovation Squad at Berkeley Haas School of Business. As a practicing attorney, Angeli advises on AI and sustainability governance and corporate strategy. She began her legal career at Jones Day in the M&A practice and later joined the Sustainability & ESG Advisory Practice at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, advising clients on governance strategies to address climate and social risks. Prior to her legal career, Angeli advised global governments and NGOs, including White House Office of Management and Budget under the Obama Administration focusing on government digitization and management reform; a policy advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, addressing consumer privacy. She also advised the UN Global Compact Network Australia on anti-corruption and business & human rights; as well as at the Government of Chile, Ministry of Finance on the country's first government modernization initiatives. As startup advisor and entrepreneur herself, Angeli is passionate about scaling businesses that align growth with social & political ecosystems. She launched an e-commerce business for women of color in 2021 and advises the Leadership & Development startup, Mandala.

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**Robbie Schingler** is the Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of Planet Labs PBC. Robbie has committed his life to preserving the sustainability of Earth and the security of human life across the globe. With a vision of using space to help life on Earth, Robbie has helped grow Planet into a mission driven company serving over 30,000 users and 700 customers in more than 40 countries. As CSO of Planet, Robbie was integral to establishing Planet as a publicly traded Public Benefit Corporation in December 2021 (\$PL). He leads the company's long-term strategic trajectory, including mergers and technology partnerships, spearheading Planet's acquisitions of VanderSat in 2021, Boundless in 2019, and BlackBridge in 2015. Robbie also manages the Space Systems Division, supporting the development of space technologies and mission operations. Previously, he was Managing Director of Planet Europe from 2016-2017 and currently serves on the Board of both Planet PBC and Planet Federal. Prior to Planet, Robbie spent 9 years at NASA, where he helped build the Small Spacecraft Office at NASA Ames and acted as Chief of Staff for the Office of the Chief Technologies at NASA Headquarters. While there, he co-founded the NASA CoLab and Open NASA initiatives, cultivating transparency, open innovation, and public participation within NASA. Robbie received an MBA from Georgetown University, focusing on social entrepreneurship and international business. He also spent a year at the International Space University in Strasbourg, France receiving an MS in Space Studies, concentrating on spacecraft cooperation for education and science, and he received his BS in Engineering Physics from Santa Clara University.



**Alicia Seiger** directs the climate program at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. She is a former lecturer at Stanford Law School and led sustainability and energy finance initiatives at Stanford Law, Graduate School of Business, and the Doerr School for Sustainability. Alicia has served as an advisor to the Governors of California and New York, the New York State Comptroller, and numerous pension fund, endowment, and family office CIOs on the topics of climate risk, opportunity, and resiliency. A student of sustainability since the early 1990s, Alicia has designed and executed climate and energy strategies for businesses, foundations, investors, and NGOs for over two decades. She has led on the management teams of multiple startups, including at TerraPass, a pioneer of the US voluntary carbon offset market, and Flycast Communications, one of the world's first web advertising networks. She co-founded Stanford Professionals in Energy (SPIE) and serves on the boards of Ceres, Prime Coalition, and The E-liability Institute. Alicia also serves on the Editorial Board of the Oxford Open Climate Change Journal.

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**Kirsten Spalding** leads the Ceres Investor Network. In addition to supporting network members, she and her team lead global investor initiatives such as Climate Action 100+, Net Zero Asset Managers, and Paris Aligned Asset Owners as the North American investor network partner. Kirsten also leads Ceres' West Coast office. Prior to joining Ceres, Kirsten served as Chief Deputy Treasurer under California Treasurer Phil Angelides and Director of the Treasurer's environmental financing authorities. Kirsten worked in the labor movement as Chief of Staff for the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. For six years, she chaired the Center for Labor Research and Education, UC Berkeley and taught at the School of Law. As a lawyer with the firm of Beeson, Tayer and Bodine she represented unions and their pension plans. In her early career, she worked as a community and cultural organizer in Durban, South Africa. Kirsten holds a B.A. from Yale College in music, a J.D. from Hastings College of Law, and an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific.



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**Andrew Winden** is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Oregon School of Law. His scholarship focuses on climate change, corporate governance and securities regulation and has been published in *The Business Lawyer*, the *Columbia Business Law Review*, the *UC Law Journal* and the *Virginia Law & Business Review*. Professor Winden and his work on dual-class stock structures have been cited or quoted by Bloomberg News, the *The CLS Blue Sky Blog*, the Council of Institutional Investors, *The Financial Times*, the *Oxford Business Law Blog*, *TheStreet*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

At Oregon Law, Professor Winden teaches Business Associations, Mergers & Acquisitions, Securities Regulation and Sustainable Business. Prior to joining the Oregon Law faculty in 2022, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, a Fellow at the Rock Center for Corporate Governance at Stanford Law School, where he taught Mergers & Acquisitions, and a Lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

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