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*Public Lecture*

***Regulation of Socially Responsible Investment in the  
Financial Services Sector: Global Trends and Lessons***

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**Commentator**

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**6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Senate Room, 10/F Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong**

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Professor Richardson will examine international trends of socially responsible investment (SRI) for environmental, ethical and charitable causes, and analyse the regulatory measures adopted to facilitate and govern SRI. Focusing on developments in the US, Canada, the European Union and Australia, the reforms considered include ethical investment disclosure obligations for pension funds, clarification of fiduciary responsibilities of fund managers, taxation incentives, improvements to corporate governance to promote shareholder activism, and corporate social and environmental reporting obligations. The strengths and weaknesses of these and other measures are examined.

Benjamin Richardson is a Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in Toronto. Professor Richardson was a policy advisor for the National Parks Service in Australia, as well as a legal consultant to the World Conservation Union in Kenya and Nepal, and is a member of the IUCN Environmental Law Commission. His major books are *Environmental Law for Sustainability* (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2006), *Environmental Regulation through Financial Organisations* (Kluwer, The Hague, 2002) and *Environmental Justice and Market Mechanisms* (Kluwer, London, 1998).

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