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## Introduction

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**Biographical notes:** Han Donker is an Associate Professor of Accounting at the University of Northern British Columbia (Canada) and he is the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Corporate Governance* (IJCG). He received his PhD in Finance from Tilburg University (CentER, The Netherlands). Previously, he worked as a manager of the Department of Business Administration at KPN Telecom in the Netherlands. His research focuses on empirical issues of takeovers, corporate restructuring and corporate governance. He is an author of many publications on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and international accounting.

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- corporate governance structures
- corporate governance codes
- corporate governance and control
- corporate governance issues related to financial distress and corporate recovery
- shareholders activism
- voting rights, proxy voting, e-voting, proxy solicitation
- corporate ownership structures
- minority-majority shareholder conflict
- investor and creditor protection
- the role of board committees and board of directors
- board nomination, composition and performance
- managerial behaviour, managerial entrenchment
- conflicts of interests
- incentive structures and executive compensation plans
- theory of the firm
- agency issues and corporate contracting
- business and financial ethics, corporate social responsibility
- impact of corporate law and securities law on corporate governance
- influence of (financial) (de)regulations on corporate governance
- information asymmetry, disclosure and transparency
- insider trading
- financial reporting, disclosure and information asymmetry
- (hostile) takeovers, market for corporate control and takeover defenses
- corporate restructuring.

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