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11:00–11:15 Welcome Coffee

11:15–11:30 Bertil Emrah Oder, Dean, School of Law, Koç University
Sumru Altuğ, Director, Koç University-TÜSİAD ERF

11:30–12:10 Oren Sussman, Said Business School, Oxford University
“The Economics of Bankruptcy Law”

12:10–12:50 Alan Morrison, Said Business School, Oxford University

12:50–13:50 Lunch

13:50–14:30 Thomas Noe, Said Business School, Oxford University
“Blood and Money: Kin Altruism, Inheritance, and Governance in Family Firms”

14:30–15:10 Zeynep Derya Tarman, School of Law, Koç University
“Resolving Disputes Arising from International Business Transactions in Turkey”

15:10–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–16:10 Burçin Yurtoğlu, WHU–Otto Beisheim School of Management
“Methods for Multicountry Studies of Corporate Governance (and Evidence from the BRIKT Countries)”

16:10–16:50 Billur Yalı, School of Law, Koç University
“The Taxation of International Financial Transactions: Trends and Implementation”

16:50-17:30 Cumhur Özkam, School of Law, Koç University
“New Regulations on Financing Models”