



# Fundamental Differences Between US and Continental European Corporate Governance Systems

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Among the topics covered will be the economic patterns and premises in the corporate governance systems, the orientation of the economies, approaches to shareholder protection and the role of shareholders, treatment of proxies and derivative actions, disclosure, and executive remuneration. The speaker will also discuss the likelihood of some convergence in the systems.

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