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Roundtable Seminar, Tuesday
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"Seminar Series: Meet the authors Roundtable (Seminar 1) – The Meritocracy Trap (Penguin 2019) by Daniel Markovits"

– About the speakers –

Professor Guido Alpa is Professor of Civil Law at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza'. He has held numerous visiting chairs at universities around the world, honorary degrees, and appointments and honours too many to mention. Having been the President of the Italian Bar Council for many years, he is a leading scholar of private and commercial law, but also covers many constitutional and regulatory topics, moving freely across the boundaries that divide the law. He is recognized internationally as a leading comparativist but also as one of the parents of European private law.

Professor Mads Andenas, QC holds a Chair in the Faculty of Law, the University of Oslo, Norway. He is a director of the London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law and remains a Visiting Research Fellow of the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London. He has held senior academic appointments in the United Kingdom, including as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College, University of London.

Dr. Maren Heidemann is a director of the London Centre of Commercial and Financial Law. Dr Heidemann has held a number of full time and visiting academic appointments in the UK since 2007 including Lectureships at the University of Westminster and University of Glasgow. Dr Heidemann has been working for the University of London since 2010 in various roles including as research fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), School of Advanced Studies, University of London and as Teaching Fellow and tutor at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) at Queen Mary, University of London. She is the author of *M Heidemann, Transnational Commercial Law* (Palgrave MacMillan, London 2018).

Professor Ettore Maria Lombardi is Professor of Private Law and International Business Law, and Director of the "Mediation Advanced Course" at the University of Florence School of Law. He holds a J.D. (University of Florence), a J.C.L. (Pontifical University of Lateran), an LL.M. (Harvard Law School), and a Ph.D. (University of Florence). Prof. Lombardi has been teaching and researching in the most prestigious American, British and German universities. He is a lawyer in Italy and a member of various international legal associations. He has also recently been appointed a Director of the "Alternative Investments Executive Course" co-organized by the University of Florence School of Law and the Queen Mary University of London (Centre for Commercial Law Studies - CCLS), co-leading with Professor Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal of QMUL.

Professor Daniel Markovits is Guido Calabresi Professor of Law at Yale Law School and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Private Law. Markovits works in the philosophical foundations of private law, moral and political philosophy, and behavioral economics. He publishes in a range of disciplines, including in *Science*, *The American Economic Review*, and *The Yale Law Journal*. Markovits's current book, *The Meritocracy Trap* (Penguin Press), places meritocracy at the center of rising economic inequality and social and political dysfunction. The book takes up the law, economics, and politics of human capital to identify the mechanisms through which meritocracy breeds inequality and to expose the burdens that meritocratic inequality imposes on all who fall within meritocracy's orbit. After earning a B.A. in Mathematics, summa cum laude from Yale University, Markovits received a British Marshall Scholarship to

study in England, where he was awarded an M.Sc. in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics from the L.S.E. and a B.Phil. and D.Phil. in Philosophy from the University of Oxford. Markovits then returned to Yale to study law and, after clerking for the Honorable Guido Calabresi, joined the faculty at Yale.

Professor Michele Papa is full professor of Criminal law and of Comparative Criminal law at the University of Florence. He has been the Dean of the Law School (2006-2009) and Vice President of the University from 2009 to 2011. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford University (Florence Campus, 2014, 2016), Columbia Law School (fall semester 2013 and 2011) and at Georgetown University in Washington DC (fall 2003); academic visitor at King's College (London 1995) and at De Paul University College of Law (Chicago 1984-1986). Among his most relevant publications, in Italian, "Fantastic Voyage. Attraverso la specialità del diritto penale (Giappichelli publisher, Torino, 2016)" are many articles and essays, such as, in recent years, those on Federalization of Criminal Law in the US (2014), Criminal Complicity (2013), Single or multiple offenses (2013), Comparative Criminal Law (2012), Crimes against property (2011), Enemy Criminal Law (2009). He is co-director of the Italian major Criminal Law treatise "Trattato di diritto penale" (UTET publisher, Torino); he is member of the editorial board of the Law review *Criminalia* and co-director of the law books Series "Quaderni di diritto comparato, internazionale ed europeo" (Giappichelli publisher, Torino). His present research interests focus on the Theory of Comparative Criminal Law, on Narrative, Metaphor and the Criminal law, and on the development of Criminal responsibility paradigms in the social and normative context. He has been scientific consultant for the UN and the European Union Commission.

Diana Philip works as the Senior Advisor-Government Relations for Dell Technologies. Prior to joining Dell she served in management position with Strategic Foresight Group (SFG), a global foreign policy organization, conducting track-two diplomacy and working on cross-sectoral issues including on water, environment, public international law, policy, international relations, human rights, terrorism and futuristic study of technology and existential risks. She has expertise in advising governments on conflict resolution and prevention matters. She headed the research initiative at SFG for the 'Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace (GHLP)' which was launched by the Government of Switzerland. The Panel comprised of former Heads of States and other political elites from 15 countries around the world. She has contributed to several UN processes including the UNSC debate on 'water, peace and security and was also engaged in cutting edge work to help countries achieve SDGs. She is the co-founder of the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance (HSLWA) in India. She has a Masters of Law (LL.M) from Harvard Law School with a focus in public international law. She has experience working with leading organisations across the world including the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR) in Tanzania, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in India, and Independent Diplomat in USA. Diana has been widely published and has experience conducting field work and fact-finding missions in Asia and Africa.

Adrian Wooldridge is The Economist's political editor and writes the Bagehot column; an analysis of British life and politics, in the tradition of Walter Bagehot, editor of The Economist from 1861-77. Adrian also used to write the Schumpeter column on business, finance and management. He was previously based in Washington, DC, as the Washington bureau chief where he also wrote the Lexington column. Prior to his role in Washington, he has been The Economist's West Coast correspondent, management correspondent and Britain correspondent. He is the co-author of "The Company: A Short History of a Revolutionary Idea", "A Future Perfect: The Challenge and Hidden Promise of Globalisation", "Witch Doctors", a critical examination of management theory, and "The Right Nation", a study of conservatism in America. His most recent books are "The Great Disruption: How Business Is Coping With Turbulent Times (2015) and "Masters of Management: How the Business Gurus and their Ideas have Changed the World—for Better and for Worse" (2011).