



# Cambridge Centre for Risk Studies

## Understanding Risk Lunchtime Seminar Series: The Modern History of US Corporate Governance

**Wednesday 13 Oct 2010 1:00 – 2:00 pm - Lunch Provided**

University of Cambridge Judge Business School - Room W2.01  
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### **Professor Brian Cheffins**

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#### **Abstract**

This seminar is based on the introductory chapter of *The History of Modern U.S. Corporate Governance*, a sourcebook Professor Cheffins is editing that will be published by Edward Elgar in 2011. Professor Cheffins will begin by introducing the topic of corporate governance, explaining in so doing how corporate governance relates to risk. He will then analyse how corporate governance has evolved in the U.S. between the 1970s, when the term corporate governance first came into vogue, and the present day. He will focus on the key mechanisms that potentially bolster managerial accountability in the U.S. system of corporate governance, namely the board of directors, executive pay, shareholder intervention and takeovers.

#### **Speaker Biography**



**Professor Brian Cheffins, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.** Brian R. Cheffins has been since 1998 the S.J. Berwin Professor of Corporate Law at Cambridge University. He began his academic career at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Law, where he taught from 1986 to 1997. Professor Cheffins has held visiting appointments at Duke, Harvard, Oxford and Stanford and was named a Guggenheim Fellow in 2002. His primary research interests are corporate governance and corporate law, with particular reference to economic and historical aspects. Professor Cheffins is the author of *Company Law: Theory, Structure and Operation* (Oxford, 1997), *The Trajectory of (Corporate Law) Scholarship* (Cambridge, 2004) and *Corporate Ownership and Control: British Business Transformed* (Oxford, 2008)

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