

## INTRODUCTION

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This issue which covers Comparative Corporate Governance is dedicated to the memory of Professor Michael Whincop of Griffith University, one of Australia's most talented corporate scholars, who died recently. Michael was a person of outstanding ability who combined expertise in law and economics to produce an apparently endless stream of high quality articles and books. He was promoted to full Professor at an early age which represented just recognition of his talent. It is very sad to think that we shall no longer have the benefit of his lucid and often iconoclastic views to stimulate the often turgid debate on Australian Corporations Law. Michael was also a comparativist and drew on his knowledge of UK and US law to develop his theories.

This issue contains the eulogy given by Professor Charles Sampford at Michael's funeral. It also contains a diverse collection of essays on a number of contemporary comparative corporate governance themes. Some of these are outstanding postgraduate research papers done by international scholars for the Comparative Corporate Governance classes at Bond University and the University of Melbourne. What these show is that there is a free market in ideas and a need to avoid generalizations about the end of history and the alleged triumph of the Anglo American model.

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