Welcome to Governance Lab! *This doc provides a top-line summary of the event. More detailed information to help you navigate the Lab, schedule sessions, etc, can be found* [here on the Orientation doc](#)*.*

What is Governance Lab?

Governance Lab is a virtual "social lab" or "unconference," from June 25th - July 2nd, on the theme of ***social ventures that leverage unconventional types of leadership, governance, and ownership***.

- Join a global gathering that connects practitioners innovating in the field with thought leaders and scholars who are bringing awareness of this work to academia and the wider world.
- Promote your work, engage in collective inquiry, and request support for what matters most to you.
- Participate live and/or online, with highly flexible scheduling.

[Click here to see a list of "headlining sessions"](#) featuring Olen Gunnlaugson, George Por, and Hildy Gottlieb.

How much time does participation require?

- **Participants can show up as much or as little as they wish.**
- The Lab is designed so that *five hours in total, spread over the eight day period,* can provide a valuable experience. It will also support more intensive levels of engagement for those who desire it.

When is the Lab taking place?

Live sessions will be scheduled throughout the June 25-July 2 period, and will primarily be clustered in these three time slots:

	UTC	Beijing	London	New York	San Francisco
Slot 1	1-3am	9-11am	2-4am	9-11pm	6-8pm
Slot 2	8-10am	4-5pm	9-11am	4-6am	1-3am
Slot 3	3-5pm	11pm-1am	4-6pm	11am-1pm	8-10am

All are encouraged (but not required!) to join the two-hour opening and one-hour closing plenary "circles," which will take place in both Slots One and Three on the 25th and 2nd, respectively (note that Slot One falls on the 1st and 24th in the Americas).

There will also be activity 24/7 via the Slack platform, allowing for online dialogue, impromptu calling of live sessions, plus general networking and connecting.

How does it work?

- **Participants create the agenda** by initiating sessions on any topic that interests them. Some sessions are being scheduled in advance, and most will be called over the course of the Lab itself.
- **Sessions take place via audio or video conferencing, or in text form online, as determined by each session initiator.** You can use the platforms set up by the hosting team, or invite people to another "space" of your choosing.
- **Slack is the "nerve center" for the Lab**, providing a 24/7 connecting space with "channels" for topic-based discussions, introductions, sharing resources, a virtual "lounge," and much more.

- **A shared calendar, plus Google docs** will allow for scheduling coordination and for easy sharing of session notes and other documents.

Why are we gathering?

Here are some reasons why this event is being held, and why you might want to participate:

- The Lab is intended to connect people innovating "in the field" with those who are studying, teaching, researching, and theorizing about these innovations.
- You are particularly invited to call sessions around one of three intentions (although any intention is valid in the "open space" of this "unconference"):
  - **Present and/or promote** a piece of work or initiative
  - **Engage in collective inquiry** around questions that matter
  - **Seek support** for work you are, or would like to be, engaged in
- The Lab offers attendees of the the upcoming annual conference of the Academy of Management this August, in Vancouver, BC an opportunity to connect in advance.
- The Lab is a cutting edge "process experiment" in virtual convening, and in the value of integrating virtual and in-person events.

Who is producing this event?

Governance Lab is a co-production of The Institute for Evolutionary Leadership, the University of Melbourne's Asia Pacific Social Impact Centre (APSIC), and the Conversation Collaborative. See this website for a list of additional partners.

Click here to register for Governance Lab

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[Click here for a detailed participant orientation](#)

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