

## **Power Talk with Ms Afra Afsharipour**



Centre for Independent Directors, IICA organized **Power Talk with Afra Afsharipour: Gender Diversity and the Board's Role in M&A** program for the members of Independent Director's Databank on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

The main objective of this event was to highlight the importance of gender diversity in corporate culture and leading role of board in M&A strategies.

The Program commenced on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at 04:00 PM with the theme address of Dr. Niraj Gupta, Head, School of Corporate Governance and Public Policy & Nodal Officer, Centre for Independent Director, IICA. He briefed the participants about **Afra Afsharipour**.

### **Principal speaker:**

Ms. Afra Afsharipour is Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at the University of California, Davis (UCD), School of Law. She researches in the areas of comparative corporate law, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions. Prof Afsharipour is an elected member of the American Law Institute and an American Bar Foundation Fellow.

Ms. Afra shared her views and research work findings related to gender diversity trends, practices and Merger & Amalgamation strategies along with its importance in growth of any organization. She also highlighted potential pitfall in M&A deal making and role of board to guide through complicated decision making and advise & supervision for coordinated progress and effective information flow between the board and management.

There were lots of questions from participants and Prof Lawrence Loh gave answers to all these queries with the satisfaction of the participants.

Program concluded with the valedictory address of remarks of Dr. Niraj Gupta, Head, School of Corporate Governance and Public Policy & Nodal Officer, Centre for Independent Director, IICA. Centre for Independent Directors coordinated the event and ensured successful delivery of the program.

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