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# PREVIEW

## MANAGING RISK THROUGH POLICYMAKING: SENSIBLE PRECAUTION OR FEAR OF TRYING?

Monday 26 – Thursday 29 March 2007

### WPS07/5 WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

in co-operation with the Democracy Institute, Washington D.C.

*Is science misused in risk policy decision-making? What would a different conception of risk mean for specific policy topics, such as the current debates surrounding obesity, transportation safety and environmental tobacco smoke? Should policymakers take account of the impact that respective regulations may have on personal freedoms and civil liberties? To what extent do cultural divides impact on attitudes to risk management? How to balance risk management and fostering entrepreneurship?*

\* Not confirmed

### MONDAY 26 MARCH

- 1500                      **Welcome to Wilton Park**  
**Adela GOOCH**  
Programme Director, Wilton Park
- Patrick BASHAM**  
Director, The Democracy Institute, Washington D.C.
- 1515-1630              1    **WHAT IS THE POLITICAL CONCEPT OF RISK?**  
**\*Caroline FLINT**  
Minister of State for Public Health, Department of Health, London
- Frank FUREDI**  
Professor of Sociology, Kent University, Canterbury
- 1630                      Photograph and Tea
- 1715-1845              2    **WHAT IS THE SCIENTIFIC CONCEPT OF RISK?**  
**Gio GORI**  
Health Policy Institute, Bethesda MD
- Adam BURGESS**  
Senior Lecturer, Sociology, University of Kent
- 1930                      3    **COMMENTARY**

### TUESDAY 27 MARCH

#### CASE STUDIES IN THE REGULATION OF RISK

- 0900-1030              4    **HOW PUBLIC SERVANTS WEIGH RISK**  
**Rob MACAIRE**  
Director of Consular Services, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

**Mattia PELLEGRINI**

Better Regulation Co-ordinator, Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection  
European Commission, Brussels

1030 Coffee

1100-1230 5 **WEIGHING THE RISK OF THE ANTI-OBESITY CAMPAIGN**

**Patrick BASHAM**

Co-Author, *Diet Nation*, Washington D.C.

**Brian YOUNG**

Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of Exeter, Devon

1300 Lunch

1500-1630 6 **WEIGHING THE RISK OF ROAD VERSUS RAIL SAFETY**

**Andrew EVANS**

Professor of Transport Risk Management, Centre for Transport Studies, Imperial College,  
London

**Christian WOLMAR**

Transport Journalist and Writer, London

1630 Tea

1700-1830 7 **WEIGHING THE RISK OF PASSIVE SMOKE REGULATION**

**John LUIK**

Co-author *Passive Smoke*, Toronto

**Gio GORI**

Health Policy Institute, Bethesda MD

2100 8 **COMMENTARY**

**Gwyn PRINS**

Alliance Research Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science and  
Columbia University, New York

**WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH**

**PUBLIC OPINION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND PERSONAL FREEDOM**

0900-1030 9 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**THE BETTER REGULATION COMMISSION REPORT: LESSONS AND**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Lord Jamie LINDSAY**

Chair, The UK Accreditation Service, London

10-30-1100 **Coffee**

1100-1230 10 **THE COMPENSATION CULTURE**

**Terri APTER**

Senior Tutor, Newnham College, Cambridge University

**John HICKEY**

Chief Executive, Medical Protection Society, London

1300- Lunch

1500-1630 11 **DO GOVERNMENTS FAVOUR SCARE STORIES OVER EVIDENCE?**

**\*Alok JHA**

Science Correspondent, The Guardian, London

1630 Tea

- 1700-1830      12    **WHOSE RISK IS IT ANYWAY? THE SAFETY V FREEDOM TRADE-OFF**  
**Charles HAMPDEN-TURNER**  
Director of Research and Development, Trompenaars-Hampden Turner, Amsterdam
- Gerald WILDE**  
Queen's University, Ontario
- 1900                      Drinks and Conference Dinner
- 2100                      13    **CLOSING COMMENTARY**  
**MANAGING RISK: WHAT HAPPENED TO COMMON SENSE AND GOOD MANNERS?**  
**Roger SCRUTON**  
Research Professor, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Arlington, Virginia

**THURSDAY 29 MARCH**

0915                      Participants Depart

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