

Regulatory Policy 25th Anniversary Conference

Merton College, Oxford, 12th and 13th September 2016

The evolution of UK regulatory policy in retrospect: What has worked well? What hasn't worked well? What can be learned from the experiences?

Discussion session timings, chairs and panel speakers

The object is an extended discussion and assessment of the policy record, led off in each session by chairs and panel contributors. Proceedings of the event, comprising a summary record of the discussions plus supplementary notes and papers, will be published. Views of Distinguished Fellows unable to be present will be conveyed by colleagues.

Sessions will take place in the T.S. Eliot Lecture Theatre, the Distinguished Fellows' Dinner, breakfast and lunch will be in the College Hall.

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Monday 12th September

12.50-13.50 Registration

13.50-15.25 Early-stage liberalisation and market opening issues

Chair and opening speaker: Sir Bryan Carsberg

Panel speakers: Eileen Marshall (also conveying views of Clare Spottiswoode)
Stephen Littlechild
Sir Ian Byatt
Sir Callum McCarthy

Break

15.45-17.35 Liberalisation and competition policy in more developed market contexts

Chair and opening speaker: Harry Bush

Panel speakers: Stephen Littlechild
Steve Smith
Michael Cutting
Tom Sharpe QC
Alex Neill

Short break

17.45 Zeeman Lecture: Peter Freeman, "Better to travel hopefully than to arrive"? The Reform of UK Competition Law 1991-2016

19.15 Distinguished Fellows dinner, Merton College Hall

Tuesday 13th September

Breakfast

09.00-10.30 Responses to variations in regulatory contexts and the emergence of new issues

Chair and opening speaker: Sir Callum McCarthy

Panel speakers: Sir Ian Byatt
Jo Butlin
Lord Currie
George Yarrow (also conveying views of Sir John Vickers)

Break

10.50-12.15 The evolution of network price determination processes

Chair and opening speaker: David Gray

Panel Speakers: Sir Ian Byatt
Harry Bush
Stephen Littlechild
Steve Smith

12.15-13.00 Keynote address: John Pierce, Chair, Australian Energy Market Commission on the evolution of energy regulation in Australia

Lunch

14.00-15.25 Organisational cultures and governance

Chair and opening speaker: Martin Stanley

Panel Speakers: Sir Callum McCarthy
Eileen Marshall
Lord Currie
Maxine Freerk

Short break

15.35-17.00 Learning from others

Chair and opening speaker: Euan Morton (Synergies, Brisbane)

Panel speakers: John Pierce
Mark Jamison (PURC, Florida)
Graham Shuttleworth
George Yarrow (also conveying views of Irwin Stelzer)

17.00 Close