

Regulatory Policy Institute Conference: Too busy to think?

Wednesday 3 May, One Great George Street, Westminster, 9.20am – 5.10pm

The conference will provide an awayday for thinking and discussion about some fundamental, underlying conceptual frameworks and issues in the conduct of public policy. One proposition to be tested is that too little time is afforded to thinking from first principles and that this is a source of incoherence and disorder in policy development and implementation.

Two areas have been specifically identified for examination: use (or misuse) of concepts of fairness in the conduct of regulatory and competition policies and the conduct of policy in the face of disruptive technological change. There will be generous time for discussion in each session.

Programme

- 08.50-09.20 Registration
- 09.20-10.55 **Very first principles: Concepts of fairness & regulating for disruptive change.**
- Chair: Tim Tutton, City University
- Speakers: George Yarrow, Chair, Regulatory Policy Institute
Bridget Rosewell, Chair, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency
- 10.55-11.15 Tea/coffee Break
- 11.15-12.45 **How well is competition policy and law coping with its challenges?**
- Chair: Peter Freeman, Chair, Competition Appeal Tribunal
- Speakers: William Allan, Competition Appeal Tribunal
Nicola Mazzarotto, KPMG
- 12.45-13.45 Lunch
- 13.45-15.20 **Assessing regulatory adaptation: energy, financial services and life sciences.**
- Chair: Sonia Brown, Director, UK Regulatory Strategy & Public Affairs, Visa Europe
- Speakers: Steve Smith, Director, Competition & Regulatory Strategy, Lloyds Banking Group
Bernd Halling, Head, Corporate Policy and Strategy Unit, Bayer AG
- 15.20-15.40 Tea/coffee
- 15.40-17.10 **Implications of sustained disruption in the communications sector.**
- Chair: Tim Keyworth, Regulatory Policy Institute
- Speakers: Emily Clark, Chief Economist, BT
David Stewart, Towerhouse LLP