



LUNCHTIME SEMINAR

Contesting Accountability and Legitimacy in Non-State Regulatory Regimes

Professor Julia Black will consider the challenging issue of accountability and legitimacy in decentred regulatory regimes. These regimes are marked by fragmentation, complexity and interdependence between actors, in which state and non-state actors are both regulators and regulated. In addition, their boundaries are marked by the issues or problems with which they are concerned, rather than necessarily by a common solution. Nevertheless, this paper does not ask what mechanisms are necessary to make actors in decentred regulatory regimes accountable or legitimate. Nor does it ask what values may be appropriate, or to whom actors should be made accountable in the regulatory process. Instead, the paper develops a relational understanding of both accountability and legitimacy, suggesting that each is socially and discursively constituted.

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This is a free seminar (RSVP is required. Please RSVP to the above email address by 10am on Tuesday 3 April 2007)

A light lunch will be provided