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Models and the Evaluation of Risk Regulation Decision-Making

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Abstract

Models are a ubiquitous feature of many risk regulation landscapes and often are the source of the rationale and basis of decision-making. Yet while the technical complexities and uncertainties of models are often charted in scholarship the role and implications of models in risk regulation decision-making are overlooked. Dr Fisher identified three other forms of complexity different from the technical complexity of models: institutional complexity; interdisciplinary complexity and evaluative complexity. She concentrates on the last of these by focusing on the challenges involved in evaluating models as part of general accountability processes such as judicial review.

About the speaker

Liz Fisher is a Reader in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College and UL lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Oxford University. She researches in the area of environmental law, risk regulation and administrative law. Much of her work has explored the interrelationship between law, administration and regulatory problems. Her work has an important comparative dimension and she focuses in particular on these issues in the legal cultures of the UK, US, Australia, the EU, and the WTO. Her 2007 book, *Risk Regulation and Administrative Constitutionalism*, won the SLS Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship.