

Accountability: New Perspectives

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This workshop intends to move the debate about accountability in decentered regulation forward. It wishes to do so, by encouraging discussions about:

- What theories can we use to explain the existence of particular accountability mechanisms when regulatory responsibility is shared and account-holders are similarly dispersed?
- What implications does a decentered context have for agents' accountability behavior? How do agents manage (and shape) their accountability expectations toward multiple audiences (at different levels of governance) i.e. in terms of communicating to various audiences, managing conflicting expectations, prioritizing among various audiences and accountability obligations?
- How can the design of accountability structures be better tailored to the realities of a decentered context? And how can we account for the operation of different logics of designing institutional features that seek to ensure accountability towards different audiences?
- How can conflicting accountability and independence demands be balanced and what are the implications for this debate from a decentered understanding of regulation?
- What are the unintended consequences and limits of accountability? Is accountability in itself a good thing and preferable, as a tool to keep those holding discretionary power under control, to other methods of control?
- How do contemporary debates regarding accountability in a decentered regulatory state contrast with accountability debates in earlier periods?

PROGRAMME

Thomas Schillemans, Utrecht University

Calibrating Accountability: Translating laboratory findings to the real world

Christel Koop, King's College London

Assessing the accountability of regulatory agencies

Sharon Gilad and Saar Alon Barkat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Comparison of Bureaucratic and Business Responses to and Management of Mass Social Protest via Public Communications

Felicity Matthews, University of Sheffield

The Coalitionising of Collective Responsibility

Moshe Maor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Bureaucratic Reputation and the Strategic Use of Accountability

Madalina Busuioc and Martin Lodge, LSE

The Reputational Basis of Public Accountability

Martino Maggetti, University of Zurich

Beyond the Principal-Agent Model: Accountability Relations in a Post-Delegation Context

Stephen Greasley, University of Exeter

Organisational birth and reputation building: Non-Ministerial Departments in the UK
