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## CARR Seminar

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Date: 25 November 2014

Time: 1.00-2.30pm

Venue: NAB 1.14

### **Title "Nudging or shoving: government-sponsored voluntary regulation."**

Abstract: "Government-sponsored voluntary regulatory arrangements have proliferated in recent years. Such arrangements have been instigated by governments to serve a range of public policy goals, including in relation to: the environment and sustainability; public health; employment and skills; pricing, trade, and social objectives. This seminar will consider the motivation for such arrangements, and describe some of the similarities and differences between government-sponsored voluntary regulation, traditional self-regulation and mandatory regulation, drawing on the experience of the retail sector."

Short Bio: Dr Christopher Decker is a Research Fellow specialising in Law and Economics at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford University. Dr Decker's research interests include regulation, competition (antitrust) economics and behavioural economics. Among his publications, he is the author of *Modern Economic Regulation: An Introduction to Theory and Practice* (Cambridge University Press, 2014) and *Economics and the Enforcement of European Competition Law* (Edward Elgar, 2009).