



A Critical Conversation™ on Innovation & Regulations

Monday April 16, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Richcraft Hall Conference Rooms (2224-2228)

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario



Opening Address

Dr. Greame Auld is the Director and Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration. He holds a BSc in Forestry from the University of British Columbia, and a Masters in Forest Policy from Auburn University (USA) and a PhD in Environmental Politics from Yale University.

Graeme's research focuses on comparative environmental politics and policy, global environmental governance, and the rise of private governance and authority. Much of his work examines the formation, evolution, and impacts of non-state and hybrid forms of global governance across economic sectors. He also researches the design and efficacy of policy aimed at tackling global problems such as climate change.



Speaker & Facilitator

Dr. Robert Slater is an Adjunct Professor and Senior Distinguished Fellow in Environmental Policy at Carleton University and is the Executive Director of the Regulatory Governance Initiative. He is also President of Coleman, Bright and Associates, a consulting firm that operates internationally specializing in Sustainable Development issues, and a Senior Fellow with the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Dr. Slater occupied several senior positions during a 32 year career at Environment Canada and was the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for eight years. He was instrumental in establishing the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 2009.



Speaker

Steve McDonald started working with technology solutions more than 20 years ago in “Silicon Valley” start-ups. For the past 15 years his work has centered around designing and commercializing solutions specific to the way companies around the world meet their local and international regulatory obligations.

Steve currently serves as Thomson Reuters’ Vice President and Head of Market Development for Risk & Compliance Solutions in the Americas and leads a team responsible for ensuring that products and solutions are designed with the needs of customers and their regulators foremost in mind. In some cases, the regulators and law enforcement agencies are themselves customers. This community of regulated firms (as well as those who oversee and enforce the rules) have contributed to innovative solutions that firms use to make regulatory compliance more efficient – but also to adhere to voluntary standards across a variety of industries.



Speaker

Marc Saner is the inaugural Director of the Institute for Science, Society and Policy (since July 1, 2010), and an Associate Professor in the University of Ottawa Department of Geography.

Prior to this appointment, he served as Executive Director, Regulatory Governance Initiative, School of Public Policy and Administration, at Carleton University, and Director of Assessments and Executive Vice-President of the Council of Canadian Academies. Previously, Dr. Saner was a Director at the Institute on Governance where he built the Ethics and Risk Management Sector and co-managed the Technology and Governance Program.

For the last decade, his primary interest has been multi-disciplinary work at the intersection of science, ethics and governance. He holds a PhD in Biology from the University of Basel, Switzerland (1991) as well as an MA in Philosophy from Carleton University (1999).

Dr. Saner publishes in peer-reviewed journals in the areas of technology ethics, bioethics, risk management, biotechnology and ecology and has been invited to speak at seminars, workshops and international conferences around the world. He was also appointed Adjunct Research Professor in Philosophy at Carleton University.



Rapporteur

Andrew Sharpe is founder and Executive Director of the Ottawa-based Centre for the Study of Living Standards (CSLS). Established in 1995, CSLS is a national, independent, non-profit research organization whose main objective is to study trends and determinants of productivity, living standards and economic well-being.

Andrew holds a M.A. and Ph.D in economics from McGill University, a maitrise in urban geography from the Université de Paris-Sorbonne, and a B.A. from the University of Toronto. He has held a variety of earlier positions, including Head of Research at the Canadian Labour Market and Productivity Centre and Chief, Business Sector Analysis at the Department of Finance.

He is also founder and Editor of the International Productivity Monitor, co-developer (with Lars Osberg) of the composite Index of Economic Well-being, a consultant to the World Bank on labor market issues, and Executive Director of the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth, an international research association dedicated to the advancement of knowledge relating to income and wealth.