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Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI) Whitehall, London SWIA 2ET

Debate: Securing a safer, sustainable and equitable world

Seminar: Security and regulation – information, risk and financial crime

This half day consists of two separate events on the topic of global uncertainties, as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science. This is the sixth year that the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) has held the Festival and each year it grows from strength to strength. The ESRC Festival aims to give people from all walks of life an insight into some of the country's leading social science research and how it influences our social, economic and political lives.

SECURING A SAFER, SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE WORLD



12.30 Buffet lunch and registration

13.00-14.30

In today's world there are many global uncertainties confronting people, societies and governments, such as transnational crime, climate change, environmental degradation, global poverty, disease, population change, terrorism and competition over energy and natural resources.

These concerns present complex and wide-ranging challenges to people and societies in all parts of the world. There is an increasing recognition that these challenges require greater co-operation than ever before, both at a policy level and also at a research level, as we seek to understand better the nature of such uncertainties and crucially, how different elements interact to improve or exacerbate already difficult situations.

Hosted by the ESRC the debate will ask How do we secure a safer, sustainable and equitable world?

Speakers

Opening address

Ian Pearson MP, Minister for Science and Innovation

Panel

Professor Colin McInnes, Head, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University and UNESCO, Chair, HIV/AIDS, Education and Security

Professor Melissa Leach, Director, ESRC's Centre for Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability (STEPS)

Charles Abugre, Head of Global Advocacy and Policy Division, Christian Aid

Duncan Green, Head of Research, Oxfam

Chair

Gordon Corera, Security Correspondent, BBC



14.30 Afternoon tea

15.00-17.00

Financial institutions have extensive regulated responsibilities for preventing and detecting money laundering and the funding of terrorist activities.

Similarly, agencies concerned with security of both infrastructure and personnel work with, and rely on, regulated aspects of organisations, such as internal control and risk management systems. At the heart of this growing intersection between the worlds of regulation and security, the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information is an important focus.

Our panel of experts will each explore, from their distinctive perspectives, the varied and changing relationships between information security, financial crime and regulation.

This seminar is being co-hosted by the ESRC funded, Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR), London School of Economics.

Speakers

Dr James Backhouse, Director, Systems and Innovation Group, Department of Management, London School of Economics

Mr JP Rangaswami, Chief Information Officer, BT Global Services Professor Michael Levi, Crime and Justice Research Group, University of Cardiff

Elizabeth Robertson, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard LLP

Chair

Professor Michael Power, Research Theme Director, ESRC Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation, London School of Economics

17.00 Drinks and canapés

17.00-18.30

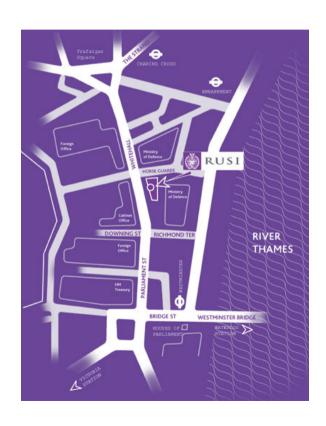
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