

Editorial

The EJRR opens this new issue with a special collection devoted to the use of social sciences in risk assessment and risk management organizations in Europe and North America. It builds upon an international workshop held in January 2013, organized by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety (ANSES) and SciencesPo's Center for the Sociology of Organisations (CSO). This workshop gathered an interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners, who discussed and compared experiences in the use of social sciences in country case studies and led to the launch of a European network – the “Paris Risk Group” – composed of social scientists and representatives of various organizations involved in food safety, occupational health and safety, and environmental health. As illustrated by its editors, Olivier Borraz and Benoit Vergriette in their opening editorial, the network's overall goal is to promote the use of social sciences alongside more traditional scientific disciplines by sharing experiences on the use of social sciences in the production of risk assessments, as well as by sharing methods, tools and experiences across organisations.

I seize the chance of thanking Olivier and Benoit, who, together with Cécile Wendling, managed to line up a distinguished roster of contributors. I am sure our readers will greatly enjoy the findings of this special issue as well as the individual contributions.

In addition to the Symposium, this issue hosts an original article that deals with some of the timeliest, yet thorny, risk regulatory challenges facing the world today: the area of cyber policies. By taking the EU cyber strategy as a case in point, Elaine Fahey from the University of Amsterdam provides an original analysis of the rule-making process of external and internal security in contemporary EU law. She also offers an original insight into their specific relationship in the formulation and regulation of cyber risks.

As usual, our correspondents keep us abreast of the latest developments in different risk regulation sectors by covering various issues, such as the Scottish minimum unit pricing decision of alcoholic beverages, the pay-for-delay agreements in the pharmaceutical sector, the generic descriptors under the Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation, as well as the latest developments in the world of regulatory reform.

Furthermore, the issue contains comments and three annotations of interesting risk-related WTO and EU judgments. Alexia Herwig analyses the panel decision on the EU seals case, which offers interesting questions about how the TBT Agreement and GATT apply to regulatory policies, like animal welfare concerns. Lukas Bergkamp focuses in turn on the EU General Court's Animal Trading judgment, and examines it through the lenses of the precautionary principle, scientific evidence, and risk assessment.

Finally, I am happy to inform you that the 10th International Workshop for Young Scholars, a well-established seminar series launched and directed by Professor Francis Snyder (LSE and Peking University School of Transnational Law), will be devoted to *New*

Directions in EU and Global Risk Regulation and take place in December of this year at HEC Paris. The programme will be published in one of our subsequent issues. We hope to see some of our readers and members of our community in attendance.

I wish you a pleasant reading!

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