Regulatory Policy Institute Conference: Too busy to think?

Wednesday 3 May, One Great George Street, Westminster, 9.20am – 5.10pm

The conference will provide an awayday for thinking and discussion about some fundamental, underlying conceptual frameworks and issues in the conduct of public policy. One proposition to be tested is that too little time is afforded to thinking from first principles and that this is a source of incoherence and disorder in policy development and implementation.

Two areas have been specifically identified for examination: use (or misuse) of concepts of fairness in the conduct of regulatory and competition policies and the conduct of policy in the face of disruptive technological change. There will be generous time for discussion in each session.

Programme

08.50-09.20 Registration
09.20-10.55 Very first principles: Concepts of fairness & regulating for disruptive change.
   Chair: Tim Tutton, City University
   Speakers: George Yarrow, Chair, Regulatory Policy Institute
              Bridget Rosewell, Chair, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency
10.55-11.15 Tea/coffee Break
11.15-12.45 How well is competition policy and law coping with its challenges?
   Chair: Peter Freeman, Chair, Competition Appeal Tribunal
   Speakers: William Allan, Competition Appeal Tribunal
              Nicola Mazzarotto, KPMG
12.45-13.45 Lunch
   Chair: Sonia Brown, Director, UK Regulatory Strategy & Public Affairs, Visa Europe
   Speakers: Steve Smith, Director, Competition & Regulatory Strategy, Lloyds Banking Group
              Bernd Halling, Head, Corporate Policy and Strategy Unit, Bayer AG
15.20-15.40 Tea/coffee
15.40-17.10 Implications of sustained disruption in the communications sector.
   Chair: Tim Keyworth, Regulatory Policy Institute
   Speakers: Emily Clark, Chief Economist, BT
              David Stewart, Towerhouse LLP