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Call for Proposals

Special Issue on Regulating Public Risk

Upon his assumption of the premiership of Great Britain, Gordon Brown announced a fundamental review of policy making processes aimed at engaging public policy more robustly in the management and mitigation of public risk. As the UK's Better Regulation Committee noted, "A key role of Government is to protect citizens from harm and disadvantage – to manage "public risk" on behalf of all.

Expectations that government will effectively and efficiently manage all forms of public risks are now near ubiquitous and place serious pressures on policy makers and public officials alike. Yet the policy responses they engender and the regulatory forms, monitoring, reporting and compliance protocols devised, vary widely, producing dissimilar regulatory burdens and outcomes.

The Editors of *Policy and Society* invite proposals that explore these issues in the context of the broader policy debates surrounding the regulation of risk. How is public risk best managed and how do governments manage the conflicting objectives of regulatory oversight without creating undue regulatory burdens and compliance costs? What patterns are emerging in terms of best practice in the regulation of public risk? Is there policy convergence in the management of public risks between sectors and or between countries? And what lessons are to be learned from recent and on-going efforts to regulate public risks?

Proposals that explore these or related issues are welcomed.

Proposals should be approximately 3-4 pages in length and include the following information:

1. The name and contact information of the proposer
2. A statement concerning the special issue theme "Regulating Public Risk" and the thematic approach and issues intended to be explored
3. A list of the proposed articles and abstracts
4. A list of the names of potential or confirmed contributors
5. A proposed time-line for manuscript preparation, submission and peer review.

Proposals should be forwarded to the editors at Policy-and-Society@nus.edu.sg

Issues normally consist of an introductory review article (approximately 6 - 8,000 words) and 5 - 7 articles (approximately 6,000 - 8,000 words). Each issue is normally overseen by a special guest editor (usually the proposer).