

Regulating New Psychoactive Substances

Science, Law and Policy

Jointly hosted by the Criminal Justice Centre, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London and DrugScience

9.30-17.00 1 May 2014
Barts Pathology Museum
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The Criminal Justice Centre, School of Law, QMUL and DrugScience are delighted to invite you to *Regulating New Psychoactive Substances: Science, Law and Policy*, the first in a series of conferences exploring *The Future of Pharmacological Regulation*.

The appropriate regulation of New Psychoactive Substances (NPSs) is a topic of pressing public and political concern in the United Kingdom and around the world, but how should this be achieved?

Last year, New Zealand enacted the *Psychoactive Substances Act 2013*, which is widely perceived as marking a major shift away from the paradigm of prohibition under the criminal law. However, there are alternative schemes.

The aim of this major one-day conference is:

- to provide a critical and objective analysis of the science and law relating to NPSs
- to identify facts and myths surrounding the distribution and use of NPSs
- to explore the values and public health ethics that should guide policy-makers in this arena
- to consider and discuss viable options for regulating (if at all) activities in connection with NPSs.

Speakers will include Professor David Nutt (DrugScience), Dr John Ramsey (Tic Tac), Dr Leslie King, Professor Fiona Measham, Professor Rudi Fortson QC (QMUL), Professor Richard Ashcroft (QMUL), and Amber Marks (QMUL).

There will be panel sessions with contributions from the floor.

A full programme will be available in due course.

- » Coffee and tea will be available from 9.00 and attendees are encouraged to take the opportunity to network prior to this event.
- » This event will be fully catered; those with special dietary requirements should contact lawevents@qmul.ac.uk
- » Specific enquiries regarding the subject matter should be forwarded to Amber Marks, Deputy Director of the Criminal Justice Centre at a.marks@qmul.ac.uk or Sophie Macken, Director, DrugScience sophie.macken@drugscience.org.uk

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