

Interdisciplinary perspectives on monitoring, safety and security.

How relevant is a rational approach?

→ **Date**

Friday 9 November 2007, from 10.00 AM till 7.00 PM

→ **Venue**

Forum Room (M-building), Erasmus University Rotterdam

→ **Speakers**

Prof. Roger van den Bergh, Prof. Willem van Boom, Dr. Morre Goldsmith, Prof. Lodewijk Rogier, Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink, and Prof. Nicholas Dorn

→ **Keynote speaker**

To be announced

→ **Conference team**

Prof. Richard De Mulder
Dr. Roel Pieterman
Dr. Louis Visscher

An international conference organized by the Research School for Safety and Security at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 9 November 2007.

The globalization of the world has engendered many threats. Risks abound ranging from international terrorism to global warming. The authorities of national states are confronted by ever growing demands to provide safety and security in a context which makes their efforts less and less effective. Global exchange, mobility and interdependence have become common and indispensable aspects of the everyday lives of citizens and their states. As a consequence, international cooperation is very hard to achieve, but also necessary.

Policies designed to provide safety and security face two fundamental problems. Firstly, how to prioritize the risks in such a way that resources are not wasted. This is important because while resources are necessarily limited, demands for safety and security are in principle without bounds. Secondly, how to avoid policies which have worse consequences than the risk they are supposed to deal with. This is important because all too often focusing only on a target risk may obscure the fact that the response involves risks as well.

State and international organizations have been created in recent history to monitor the effects of these policies. Those new monitoring agencies may form a new power that will help to maintain the balance of power in states and even in international contexts. A rational approach to dealing with these risks would be to weigh the expected value of the costs against the expected value of the benefits of these policies. However, lawyers and sociologists sometimes maintain that this approach is not feasible or even desirable.

We would like to invite to our conference a small number of recognized experts to address these topics. The approach we are looking for is not only an analysis of monitoring safety and security from the perspective of their own discipline, but also from a broader, if possible, interdisciplinary point of view. We would like to hear what these experts consider to be the important problems and which strategies might be successful in dealing with them.

We will announce our keynote speaker as soon as possible. The speakers who have agreed to appear will be Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink (European law), Prof. Roger van den Bergh (Law & Economics), Prof. Willem van Boom (private law), Prof. Nicholas Dorn (criminology), Dr. Morre Goldsmith (psychology) and Prof. Lodewijk Rogier (administrative law).

Programme

Morning

10.00 - 10.15	Chair: Prof. Richard De Mulder
10.15 - 11.15	Welcome by Erasmus School of Law, dean Prof. Marc Loth
11.15 - 12.00	Keynote speech (to be announced)
12.00 - 12.15	Prof. Roger van den Bergh – Optimal enforcement of safety law
12.15 - 13.00	Coffee
	Prof. Willem van Boom – Organisational design failure and rational risk distribution in tort and contract
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch

Afternoon	Chair: Prof. Henk van de Bunt
14.00 - 14.45	Dr. Morre Goldsmith – Did this really happen? The Monitoring and control of human memory
14.45 - 15.30	Prof. Lodewijk Rogier – Measures providing safety and security; where administrative law and criminal law meet
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee
15.45 - 16.30	Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink – Securing Independence and democratic accountability of regulatory and supervisory agencies: A case study
16.30 - 17.15	Prof. Nicholas Dorn – Contrasting dynamics of global administrative measures and international criminal courts: cosmopolitanism, multilateralism, state interests
17.15 - 18.30	Drinks

Venue will be the Forum room in the M-building (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Woudestein complex). All discussions will take place plenary, and right after each speaker's talk.

The 'Opleidingscentrum voor Recht en Praktijk' will be responsible for the practicalities and particularly the marketing of the conference. The conference papers will be published as a book which is planned to appear in March 2008.

The Conference is free of charge.

Registration Card

Undersigned will participate in the Conference '**Interdisciplinary perspectives on monitoring, safety and security**':

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