

Securing the Promise of Nanotechnologies: Towards Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation

Date: Tuesday 15th September 2009

Time: 10.00-12.00

Venue: Sciences Po, 56 rue des Saints Peres, Paris 7e, 5th floor, Salle Goguel

Nanotechnologies will impact our lives on a global scale. They allow for the manipulation of matter or creation of structures down to the molecular level and promise benefits in a wide range of applications, from health care to food, cosmetics, chemicals, information technology and energy storage. Nanomaterials are already being used in numerous consumer products, but a gap has emerged between technological progress and our understanding of nanomaterials risks for environment and human health. Developing effective nanomaterials governance is critical to the future success of existing and emerging nanotechnologies.

Over the past year, experts from the London School of Economics, Environmental Law Institute, Chatham House and the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies have been examining the prospects for transatlantic regulatory cooperation for nanomaterials in chemicals, food and cosmetics. Their research findings and policy recommendations are to be published in a major report, which will be presented and discussed at this seminar.

Speakers:

Authors of report 'Securing the Promise of Nanotechnologies: Towards Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation':

- **Robert Falkner**, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics
- **Read Porter**, Attorney, Environmental Law Institute
- **Nico Jaspers**, Research Officer, London School of Economics

Discussants:

- **Dorothee Benoit-Browaey**s, Managing Director, Vivagora (invited)
- **Francoise D. Roue**, Director "Technologies and Society", French High Council for Industry, Energy and Technologies, Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment
- **Robert Visser**, Deputy Director for Environment, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development OECD

Attendance at this event is free and open to all. Participants will receive a free copy of the report. For further information on the research project, see: www.lse.ac.uk/nanoregulation.

