



THE EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE

**The US, the EU, and Precaution:
Comparing Risk Management in a Complex World
19-21 June 2003**

AGENDA

Thursday 19 June 2003

- 18:15 Depart from Hotel Steigenberger for The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
- 19:00 **Reception**, welcome by Professor Martin Claussen, Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and tour followed by **Standing Buffet** with approximate return to Hotel Steigenberger at approx 21.00

Friday 20 June 2003

minutes

- 8:30 **Opening Session:**
- Chair: Stanley Crossick (European Policy Centre) 5
- Welcome by Marianne Ginsburg (German Marshall Fund-US) 10
- Welcome by Fritz Reusswig (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research) 10
- 8:50 **Keynote Speakers: US and European Government Perspectives** 60
- Moderator: Peter Sand (Munich University)
- The Hon. Stephen Johnson (US Environmental Protection Agency)
- The Hon. Dr. Uwe Lahl (German Environment Ministry)
- 10:00 Break 30
- 10:30 **The “Reality of Precaution” project** - looking back at the previous dialogues (Bruges and Airlie) and the variety of case studies examined there, and looking forward to project completion. 45
- Moderator: Johan Vanhemelrijck (The European Policy Centre)
- Speakers: Michael Rogers (European Commission)
- Jonathan Wiener (Duke University)
- Discussion

- 11:15 **Case Study: Antibiotics** - focusing on the use of antibiotics in animal feed, potential bacterial resistance, the risks to human health, and recent regulatory actions and court decisions. 75
- Moderator: George Gray (Harvard Center for Risk Analysis)
Speaker: Ellen Vos (Maastricht University)
- Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch 90
- 14:00 **Case Study: Cell Phones** - focusing on electro-magnetic fields (EMFs) and towers/masts. 75
- Moderator: Granger Morgan (Carnegie Mellon University)
Speaker: Peter Wiedemann (Research Centre Jülich, Germany)
- Discussion
- 15:15 **Case Study: Children's Health and Safety** - focusing on environmental and other factors affecting children's health (such as toxic substances, nutrition and food safety, diseases and vaccines, and injuries), and approaches to risk assessment (including default safety factors) and risk management. 75
- Moderator: Andreas Kraemer (Ecologic)
Speakers: Ed Chu (OCHP/EPA)
 Kimberley Thompson (Harvard)
- Discussion
- 16.30 Break 30
- 17:00 **Case Study: Youth and Potential Future Violence** - focusing on the risk assessment and risk management of uncertain future injuries caused by potentially violent youths, including the prosecution of children as adults, sentencing, and the death penalty for juvenile offenders. 75
- Moderator: Franklin Zimring (University of California-Berkeley)
Speaker: Christian Pfeiffer (Univ. of Hanover)
- Discussion
- 18:15 Break 75
- 19:30 **Conference Dinner at the 'Refugium' in Berlin Mitte**

Saturday 21 June 2003

- 08.30 **Case Study: Food Safety and Acrylamides:** focusing on new findings on acrylamides in cooked foods and the implications for health, European and American regulatory policy, trade, and risk communication. 75
- Moderator: Arpad Somogyi (ex-European Commission, DG SANCO)
Speaker: Ragnar Loftstedt (King's College, London)
- 9.45 **Precaution, Cognition and Perception:** focusing on the extent to which precaution is motivated by cognitive heuristics that bias decisions.
- Moderator: James Hammitt (Harvard)
Speakers: Cass Sunstein (University of Chicago)
Discussion
- 11:00 Break 15
- 11:15 **The Changing Dynamics of Precaution in the US and Europe:** focusing on the historical evolution of precaution in US and European policies. 75
- Moderator: Jaap Hanekamp (HAN Foundation)
Speakers: David Vogel (University of California-Berkeley)
Ortwin Renn (Stuttgart University)
Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch 60
- 13.30 **Precaution in the Context of Political and Legal Systems:** focusing on the roles of electoral rules, third parties, parliamentary versus separation of powers systems, judicial review, tort liability, and related factors in the application of precaution. 60
- Moderator: Eckard Rehbinder (Frankfurt University)
Speaker: Giandomenico Majone (University of Pittsburgh)
Discussion
- 14.30 **Conclusions and Open Discussion** 60
- Chair: Stanley Crossick (European Policy Centre)
Speakers: Michael Rogers (European Commission)
Jonathan Wiener (Duke University)
Discussion
- 15:30 Adjourn