

# SEMINAR 3

## SMART RULES & REGIMES

Convenor: **Dr. Michiel A. Heldeweg**

**Thursday June 15, Best Western Dish Hotel Enschede 14.00-15.30 and 16.45-18.15 hrs.**

**Friday June 16, Best Western Dish Hotel Enschede 09.00-10.30 and 11.00-12.30 hrs.**

**The main purpose of this seminar is to discuss the concept of *Smart Rules and Regimes* as a link between social, technological and economic innovation. Combining regulation and innovation, rules and regimes are studied from a complementary legal and economic viewpoint.**

Focal point is the capacity of rules and regimes to enable and promote technological and economical innovation, next to offering protection against undesired externalities. Achieving these goals is seen as a matter of *smart* regulation rather than of *deregulation*, as rules and regimes are considered prerequisites for technological and economic innovation. 'Smartness' of rules and regimes is primarily understood in terms of their selective scope (avoiding 'collateral damage'), robustness (withstanding innovation), flexibility/adaptability (allowing for and adjusting to innovation) and incentive-structure (promoting innovation). An important element of study is the fact that rules and regimes present themselves in multi-layered systems and specific histories of regulation and innovation (facing path dependencies, de facto governance and different scopes, ranging from regional to supranational and global levels). Subsequently a major issue is the 'quest' for smart rules and regimes. Can such rules and regimes be introduced as the outcome of 'intelligent design' (by government?) or does evolutionary regulation (by self-regulation?) offer a more promising prospect? The seminar consists of four sessions of 90 minutes each. The first two sessions will focus on exemplars of Legal and Economic Innovation. The third session will focus on innovation in a regional context. The fourth and final session is meant for a reflexive debate on further research towards greater understanding of (the design of) smart rules and regimes.

**Thursday June 15 14.00-15.30 / 16.00-17.30**

• **SESSION 1 + 2: LEGAL & ECONOMIC INNOVATION**

14.00-15.00 (approx.)

**dr. Bärbel R. Dorbeck-Jung and dr. Mirjan J. Oude Vrielink-Van Heffen**

Open normen - smart rules?

15.15-16.00

**drs. G.C. (Carlie) Geerdink and prof. dr. A.E. (Bert) Steenge**

From perfect property rights to smart rules?

16.15-17.30

**prof. dr. Dick W.P. Ruiter**

Calabresi and Melamed's Entitlements: a Hohfeldian Approach to 'The Cathedral'.

**Friday June 16 9.00-10.30 / 11.00-12.30**

• **SESSION 3: REGIONAL INNOVATION**

9.00-9.45

**dr. Gert-Jan Hospers (Twente University)**

Evolutionary economics and regional innovation.

9.45 – 10.30

**dr. Paul S. Benneworth (University of Newcastle)**

Smart innovation systems in poor innovation environments

• **SESSION 4: TOWARDS SMART RULES AND REGIMES**

11.00 – 12.30

*dr. Michiel A. Heldeweg (Twente University)*

*prof. dr. Nico S. Groenendijk (Twente University)*

Introductions to a reflexive debate on further research towards greater understanding of (the design of) smart rules and regimes