1st HEC PARIS WORKSHOP ON REGULATION

Emergency Regulation under the Threat of a Catastrophe:
A Hard Look at the Volcanic Ash Crisis

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The recent Iceland volcanic ash crisis epitomizes the general problem of emergency response in a world of uncertain manufactured and natural risks. Indeed, this crisis is not the first or the only for such a problem to have occurred. It is one of a series of recent real or potential catastrophes – natural disasters, terrorism, pandemics – that have taken by surprise globalised firms and partly regulators. As such it provides the ground for a rich case study in the problem of emergency regulation and the questions that it raises should concern a wide variety of scholars, regulators and industry analysts whose normal areas of concern are far removed from aviation and volcanoes.

The 1st HEC Workshop on Regulation aims at conceptualising the response to the volcanic ash problem and uses that problem as a case in point to explore the general problem of emergency response in an environment where the lines between manufactured and natural risks are increasingly blurred.

This workshop will provide scholars (Phd students, post-docs, researchers and established professors), industry representatives (IATA, CANSO, AEA, ELFAA), policy-makers (EUROCONTROL, EU Commission, National authorities) and scientists (WMO, VAACs) with the chance to address some of these hard questions raised by an increasing number of threats and catastrophes.

Abstracts are due by September 30, 2010 and should be sent to:
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