

“Unravelling Risk”

With Professor Malcolm Sparrow

Professor Sparrow will deliver a thought provoking lecture about the way governments across the world are organising to ‘get ahead’ of risks rather than treat their consequences one-by-one. His perspective on managing risk and reducing harms – put simply, ‘controlling bad things’ – is relevant right across government and delves deeply into the way individual public servants can exercise ‘the art and craft of risk control’ to make a real difference to improving community safety and well being.

*“Discerning the parts or components of a problem,
studying their structures and dynamics quite carefully,
until you can see what it will take
to unravel or “sabotage” them,
and then skilfully undoing the parts, one by one –
that’s the art I try to teach”*

Prof Malcolm Sparrow

Seminar Chair

Iain Rennie

State Services Commissioner



Professor Malcolm Sparrow

is an international expert in regulatory and enforcement strategy, security and risk control. He is the Professor of the Practice of Public Management at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and Faculty Chair of the Executive Program on Strategic Management of Regulator and Enforcement Agencies.

He served ten years with the British Police Service, rising to the rank of Detective Chief Inspector, and has had extensive experience with criminal investigation.

His research interests include regulatory and enforcement strategy, fraud control, and risk management and analysis. Recent publications include: *The Character of Harms: Operational Challenges in Control*; *The Regulatory Craft: Controlling Risks, Solving Problems, and Managing Compliance*; and, *License to Steal: How Fraud Bleeds America’s Health Care System*.

Event details:

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3.30 — 4.30 pm

Ilott Theatre, Wellington Town Hall

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