

Centre for Public Sector Excellence

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Spotlight Series: Professor Malcolm Sparrow

A balanced agenda for risk-control: better business and better protection, at the same time

CEO and SES seminar with Professor Malcolm Sparrow



When: **Monday 19 May 2014**

7:30am networking breakfast

8:00am – 9:00am

Where: **Terrace Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Perth**

99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth

Recent disasters, both man-made and natural, have sparked intense debate over the question “what should citizens expect from their governments with respect to risk control?” We know what they expect. Citizens expect their governments to be *vigilant* (quick to spot emerging threats), *nimble* enough to organize around them, and *skillful* enough to suppress them before they do much harm. At the same time they expect regulatory policy and practice to be efficient, unobtrusive, and not to stand in the way of economic growth and prosperity. The puzzle for professional regulators is how to deliver on both fronts simultaneously – providing better protection for society and a better business environment. Choosing one over the other is a political game. Delivering both at once is a serious professional and intellectual challenge.

Registration

Click [here](#) to complete the online registration form.

CEOs and DGs are encouraged to forward this invitation to their senior executives (direct reports).

This is a free event for WA state public sector employees.

Information & enquiries

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Professor Malcolm K. Sparrow is Professor of the Practice of Public Management at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is Faculty Chair of the School's executive program “Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies.” Professor Sparrow's recent publications include *The Character of Harms: Operational Challenges in Control* (Cambridge University Press, 2008); *The Regulatory Craft: Controlling Risks, Solving Problems, and Managing Compliance* (Brookings Press, 2000); and *License to Steal: How Fraud Bleeds America's Health Care System* (Westview Press, 2000)

He served ten years with the British Police Service, rising to the rank of Detective Chief Inspector. He has conducted internal affairs investigations, commanded a tactical firearms unit, and has extensive experience with criminal investigation. His research interests include regulatory and enforcement strategy, fraud control, corruption control, and operational risk management. He is also a patent-holding inventor in the area of computerised fingerprint analysis and is dead serious at tennis. He holds an MA in mathematics from Cambridge University, an MPA from the Kennedy School, and a PhD in Applied Mathematics from Kent University at Canterbury.

