

*Rights as Risk:
Managing Human Rights and Risk in UK Prisons*

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Discourses of risk and rights intersect on a daily basis in the prison sector. This seminar explores one such intersection: the co-existing demands of organisational risk management and Human Rights Act compliance. The language and policies of 'business risk' management are now an obvious feature of prison governance; likewise, the ability of human rights to serve as a significant organisational risk (for example, legal or reputational risk) is increasingly recognised. Moreover, some recent failures to manage human rights risks in the prison sector have proven to be very costly. Professor Whitty will discuss in this seminar three 'rights as risk' case studies from across the UK, and argue that the potential of organisational risk management to result in human rights compliance needs to be explored.

Noel Whitty is Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Nottingham, and is currently working on a monograph on the risk/rights relationship in criminal justice contexts.

This seminar is part of the IoC Public Seminar Series, and is open to all interested in attending. If you wish to be added to the seminar mailing list, please contact: Joanne Garner, on:

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