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**Health, Law and Policy in Canada and the United Kingdom: Common  
Challenges, Divergent Directions?**

Canada House, London, Friday 4th July 2008

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
PROFESSOR MARTHA JACKMAN (University of Ottawa)**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

- 9:30 – 10:00** Registration and Coffee/Tea/Fruit Juice
- 10:00 – 10:05** Welcome
- Keith Syrett (BACS LSG) Conference Co-ordinator
  - Representative of Canadian High Commission
- 10:05 – 11:00** Plenary Session
- Chair: Keith Syrett
  - **Martha Jackman** (Ottawa): “Condition Critical? Canadian Charter Review as an Accountability Mechanism in the Health Care Context”
- 11:00 – 11:15** Refreshments
- 11:15 – 13:00** Panel 1 – **Emerging Technologies** (Chair: Guy MacCrimble, BACS LSG)
- **Karen Eltis** (Ottawa): “Genetic Determinism and Discrimination: A Call to Re-Orient Prevailing Human Rights Discourse to Better Comport with the Public Implications of Individual Genetic Testing”
  - **Nicola Glover-Thomas** (Liverpool): “Protecting Children with Juvenile Depression in the UK: Off-Label and Unlicensed Paediatric Drug Use”
  - **Ubaka Ogbogu** (Alberta): “Parallel Societies, Divergent Values, and Emerging Research Methods: Lessons for Canada from the UK Stem Cell Research Regulatory Environment”
  - **Sarah Devaney** (Manchester): “Regulate to Innovate: Stem Cell Research in the UK”

- 11:15 – 13:00 Panel 2 – Physicians and Patients** (Chair: Jane Wright, BACS LSG)
- **Genevieve MacMillan** (Vancouver Coastal Health Authority): “A Square Peg in a Round Hole: Contracting with Physicians in British Columbia”
  - **Glenys Williams** (Aberystwyth): “Withdrawing life-sustaining treatment: Omissions *v* necessity”
  - **Ireh Iyioha** (British Columbia) “Therapy for Tort? Should we Look at Tort Law through the Eyes of a No-fault for Medical Error Agenda?”
  - **Jacob Shelley** (Alberta): “A Comparative Analysis of the Role of Law in Obesity Prevention, Treatment and Management in Canada and the UK”

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

- 14:00 – 15:45 Panel 3 – Public Health** (Chair: Catharine MacMillan, BACS LSG)
- **Adrian Viens** (Oxford/Toronto): “Ethical Preparedness for Pandemics: an Analysis of National and Regional Pandemic Influenza Plans in the United Kingdom”
  - **John Coggon** (Manchester): “Public Health Law and Ethics: Time for a Normative Shift?”
  - **Annalijn Conklin** (RAND Europe): “Healthcare Interventions to Reduce Alcohol-related Public Health Harms: a Cross-national Comparison of Canada and the UK”
  - **Valentina Vadi** (European University Institute, Florence): “The Challenge of Reconciling the Protection of Environmental Health with Investors’ Rights: a look at NAFTA Case Law”

- 14:00 – 15:45 Panel 4 – Reproductive & Sexual Health** (Chair: Bela Chatterjee, BACS LSG)
- **Vanessa Gruben** (Ottawa): “The Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Canada and the United Kingdom: a comparison of consent and privacy provisions”
  - **Joanna Erdman** (Toronto): “The Health Implications of an HPV Vaccine Policy”
  - **Angela Cameron** (Ottawa): “Regulating the (Outlaw) Queer Family: The Assisted Human Reproduction Act”
  - **Trudo Lemmens** (Toronto): “Prohibiting the Sale of Human Reproductive Material”

**15:45 – 16:00 Refreshments**

- 16:00 – 17:30 Panel 5 – Rights to health and health care** (Chair: Keith Syrett)
- **Christopher Newdick** (Reading): “Preserving Social Citizenship in Health Care Markets”
  - **Ellie Palmer** (Essex): “Courts, the Right to Health and a New Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom: Rhetoric, Reality and Reason”
  - **Sabine Michalowski** (Essex): “Limiting Access to Medical Treatment – legitimate priority-setting or violation of the right to health?”

**17:30 Closing Remarks/Conference Close**