Fukuoka conference: Regulatory Hybridization in the Transnational Sphere

Professor Toshiyuki Kono of the Kyushu University is organising a two-day international conference titled "**Regulatory Hybridization in the Transnational Sphere**". Motivation for choosing this particular topic and the features of the conference are described by the organiser as follows:

> *[N]ational laws and public international law are no longer the exclusive regulatory authorities today. Instead, regulatory initiatives are shared by a complex network of nation States, international organizations and transnational private communities as a result of processes such as globalization, privatization, outsourcing, and self-regulation. Accordingly, national domestic laws, public international norms, and the newly proliferating private regulations co-exist in the current condition of transnational law. Furthermore, indirect connections between these three regulatory forms have increasingly developed, resulting in the proliferation of innovative hybrid forms of regulation. [...]*

> *The purpose of this conference is to explore various issues relating to hybrid normative structures in the transnational sphere. For this purpose, the conference underscores inter alia the following questions:*

> *1. If regulatory hybridization does not simply consist of a reintegration of norms, and if it is not simply the delegation of the rule-making authority to self-regulatory institutions, what precisely does the contemporary hybridization of norms refer to?*
> *2. What are the primary merits & de-merits of hybrid forms of governance?*
> *3. Can the proliferation of hybrid forms of governance be explained solely by reference to efficiency or is it being driven by other factors?*
> *4. What conceptual tools are most helpful in clarifying the precise form of regulatory hybridization?*

The conference will take place on 11 and 12 February 2012 at the Kyushu University, Nishijin Plaza, Fukuoka (Japan). Additional information is available at

the conference website, including the program.