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Innovation and the State: Finance, Regulation, and Justice: Cristie Ford

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Location: Faculty Lounge

The Penn Program on Regulation will be holding a discussion with Dr. Cristie Ford about her new book "[Innovation and the State: Finance, Regulation, and Justice](#)." From social media to mortgage-backed securities, innovation carries both risk and opportunity. Groups of people win, and lose, when innovation changes the ground rules. Looking beyond formal politics, this new book by Cristie Ford argues that we need to recognize innovation, and financial innovation in particular, as a central challenge for regulation. Regulation is at the leading edge of politics and policy in ways that we have not yet fully grasped. Seemingly innocuous regulatory design choices have clear and profound practical ramifications for many of our most cherished social commitments. Innovation is a complex phenomenon that needs to be understood not only in technical terms, but also in human ones. Using financial regulation as her primary example, Ford argues for a fresh approach to regulation, which recognizes innovation for the regulatory challenge that it is, and which binds our cherished social values and our regulatory tools ever more tightly together.

Dr. Cristie Ford is Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Business Law. Her research focuses primarily on regulatory theory as it relates to international, US and Canadian financial and securities regulation. Her publications have analyzed novel remedies in securities law enforcement, principles-based approaches to securities regulation, systemic risk regulation and the regulation of financial innovation, and prospects for "responsive" financial regulation. She has authored multiple articles and two books: *Innovation and the State: Finance, Regulation, and Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2017); and, with His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston and Kathleen Rockwell, the leading text *Canadian Securities Regulation* (5th ed., 2014).

Prior to joining UBC, Professor Ford practiced in securities regulation and administrative law, including at Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP in New York. She obtained her graduate degrees from Columbia Law School, where she also taught in a variety of capacities. Professor Ford edited the interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal *Regulation & Governance* from 2012 through 2015 and now sits on its Executive Board, the Editorial Board of the *Journal of International Economic Law*, and the Academic Advisory Board of the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance (CCGG). She has served on several occasions as a consultant to the Canadian Department of Finance. She has lectured in law schools and to academic audiences across North America and in Europe, Australia, and Israel. She was a Killam Faculty Research Fellow in 2012/2013, and in 2015/2016 received the George Curtis Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.



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