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## Frontiers of Environmental Regulatory Reform: An International Comparison of Environmental Contracts and other Place-Based Approaches

Within the United States, dissatisfaction with the existing framework for environmental regulation is widespread. A variety of proposals for reform share the diagnosis that the commitment to uniform media-specific standards is inefficient, and that the correlative emphasis on compliance frames a frustratingly limited role for stakeholders. The combination limits developments that are essential for making progress on goals like sustainability and achieving improvements in environmental quality.

One prominent family of reform proposals would reshape the landscape of regulation by replacing or supplementing the existing framework of uniform legal standards with contracts and other tailored arrangements that are negotiated with stakeholders. These arrangements are typically either place-based, or sector-based. Over the last decade, such an approach has become increasingly important not only within the United States, but across the world. This panel brings together experts on environmental regulatory reform in Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States. These experts have been actively involved in making the new place-based approach a reality in their respective countries. This seminar provides a unique opportunity to learn about the cutting edge of environmental regulatory reform as it is evolving in three countries with very different legal and regulatory cultures and traditions.

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2003

**Time:** NOON - 1:30 pm

**Place:** Auditorium at Wistar Institute

On Penn's campus: Spruce Street & Penn's 36<sup>th</sup> Street Walkway

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