THE BECKLEY FOUNDATION

THE BECKLEY/FORESIGHT SEMINAR ON FUTURE POLICY CHALLENGES

TO BE HELD IN THE MOSES ROOM

HOUSE OF LORDS, PALACE OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON
ON TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2005
9.15 AM - 6.00 PM

9.15am ARRIVE

9.40am WELCOME
Amanda Neidpath - Beckley Foundation

CHAIR INTRODUCTION
Lord Layard - London School of Economics

10.00am INTRODUCTION & STRATEGIC CHALLENGES
To explore the implications of the findings of the Foresight report, ‘Drug Futures 2005?’ for the development of a sustainable policy on the management of psychoactive substances.
Andrew Jackson - Foresight

10.15am THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE FUTURE OF RECREATIONAL DRUGS
Prof. David Nutt – University of Bristol

10.35am OPEN FORUM

HARM REDUCTION AND THE WIDER SOCIAL CONTEXT

10.55am SOCIAL, ETHICAL AND REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS
Should governments be promoting the development of safer alternatives, such as drug quality tests and alternative psychoactive substances? How do we create an environment for careful use?
Prof. Gerry Stimson – International Harm Reduction Association & Imperial College, London

11.15am DISCUSSANT
Prof. Peter Reuter- University of Maryland

11.30am OPEN FORUM

11.50am COFFEE BREAK
REGULATION AND UNDERLYING REASONS FOR DRUG USE

12.10pm  
**Why do people use drugs?**
What are the social drivers for drug use? How can we influence how and what people use?
Prof. Robert MacCoun – *University of California*

12.30pm  
**Discussant**
Prof. Mark Kleiman – *UCLA*

12.45pm  
**Open Forum**

1.05pm  
**Lunch Reception**
Will be held in the Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons. Hosted by the Rt. Hon. Dr. Brian Iddon M.P. and Amanda, Lady Neidpath.

2.45pm  
**Chair Introduction**
Prof. David Nutt - *University of Bristol*

3.00pm  
**Blurring the Boundaries – The Future of Cognitive Enhancers**
Do we want to allow cognition enhancers for the healthy?
Prof. Trevor Robbins - *University of Cambridge*

3.20pm  
**Discussant**
Prof. Barbara Sahakian – *University of Cambridge*

3.35pm  
**Open Forum**

3.55pm  
**Coffee Break**

ETHICAL DILEMMAS

4.15pm  
**Rights and Responsibilities**
How can we find the right balance between the individual’s freedom to use psychoactive substances and their responsibility to society?
Dr. Sandy Thomas - *Nuffield Centre for Ethics*

4.35pm  
**Discussant**
Prof. Alastair Campbell – *University of Bristol*

4.50pm  
**Open Forum**

5.10pm  
**Closing Comments and Discussion**
Prof. Colin Blakemore – *Chief Executive, Medical Research Council*
Dr. Charles R. Schuster - *Former Director of NIDA, USA*