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**The Derivatives Industry and  
Its Financial Oversight**

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SEMINAR

This seminar examines a decentralized risk management strategy for identifying and defusing future bubble markets. It suggests how the government can enlist private “gatekeeper guarantors” to provide integrated insurance and monitoring roles to complement the government’s management of systemic risks. The key to this proposal is the enactment of a federal mandate that systemically significant financial entities (or participants in systemically significant financial sectors) secure private guarantees to cover a set percentage of their potential liabilities (above a loss threshold). Gatekeeper guarantors would act as “circuit breakers” of systemic risk by serving as self-interested private monitors of risk taking and tying clients’ coverage to ongoing constraints on risk taking. Gatekeeper guarantors would also serve as “bailout buffers” by providing financial backing in the event of defaults and thereby mitigate the government’s potential liability exposure. This seminar surveys the potential impact of gatekeeper guarantors by showing how mandating (re)insurance coverage for over-the-counter derivatives’ liability could address the shortcomings of derivatives’ oversight and regulation.

SPEAKER

Professor Manns is an Associate Professor of Law whose teaching and research interests focus on securities regulation, financial institutions and insurance law. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and received his doctorate from Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Professor Manns served as a senior editor of the Yale Law Journal, and his note on terrorism reinsurance received the Israel H. Peres Prize for the best student publication in the Yale Law Journal. Before joining the faculty, he clerked for the Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and practised law in Washington, DC, most recently with Latham & Watkins. He has written several law review articles on regulatory reform and is currently working on articles on the financial bailouts, derivatives and rating agency reform.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. To register, please click [here](#) For enquiries, please contact Ms Khai at Tel: 6516 3102 or email her at [lawcccls@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lawcccls@nus.edu.sg) Directions to the law school may be found at [http://law.nus.edu.sg/about\\_us/location.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/about_us/location.html)