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Regulating Vaping: The Law, Policy, and Politics of E-Cigarettes

COMMENTATOR:

Robert Schwartz, Executive Director
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12:30 – 2:00

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Solarium (room FA2) – Falconer Hall - 84 Queen's Park

The market for e-cigarettes has exploded in recent years, complicating the public health goals associated with tobacco control and igniting a major debate over whether and how they should be regulated. Without a consensus on whether e-cigarettes damage the health of vapers (those who 'smoke' e-cigarettes) or bystanders, and lacking data about the potential of e-cigarettes to serve as a smoking cessation device or an enticement to new smokers, policy makers have struggled to identify appropriate legal interventions. This talk will describe the rapidly changing market for e-cigarettes, analyze the debate among public health experts over the regulation of e-cigarettes, and evaluate the legal and policy responses to e-cigarettes in the US, EU, Japan, and China.

Eric Feldman's expertise is in Japanese law, comparative public health law, torts, and law and society. His books and articles explore the comparative dimensions of rights, dispute resolution, and legal culture, often in the context of urgent policy issues including the regulation of smoking, HIV/AIDS, and natural and nuclear disasters. Feldman has twice been a Fulbright Scholar in Japan and has received grants and fellowships from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American Bar Association, the National Science Foundation, and the Social Science Research Council, among others. He is the author or editor of books published by Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Harvard University Press, and his articles have appeared in journals including the *California Law Review*, *Law in Japan*, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Social and Legal Studies*, *Hastings Center Report*, *Lancet*, *Law and Society Review*, and the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

A light lunch will be provided.

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