

## European Aviation Conference 2013

### ***What are the main current risks in aviation? How can they be mitigated?***

The European Aviation Conference 2013 starts on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at the University of St Gallen. As well as the Great Debate – on airport competition versus regulation – speakers and presenters will contribute to several different sessions dealing with other current aviation risks.

A former member of the UK Better Regulation Task Force,

Eve Salomon, will argue that responsibility for risk should only be placed on the state when there is no alternative. And if government intervention is needed, it should avoid proscriptive regulation in favour of principles-based regulation focused on outcomes, wherever possible. Ms Salomon will also consider how to deal with the large areas of safety and security risks.

From the European airport viewpoint,

Peter van Laarhoven will speak about how Schiphol airport, as one of Europe's major hubs, has organised its risk management process. He will also out what he sees as the biggest risks and what kind of processes and measures Schiphol has installed to mitigate them.

A director of the consultancy firm Frontier Economics,

Dan Elliott, will present on how different price regulatory rules, for instance policy on depreciation, could be used to ensure that efficient airport capacity is financeable in the face of shifting demand, while protecting airport users from excessive prices in the short run.

A director of TAV airport holdings,

Waleed Youssef will argue that there is a general bias towards optimism (higher traffic) on the part of airlines who are not obliged to meet their own traffic forecasts. There are also risks for airports from poorly devised regulations and from regulators reluctant to sanction the price increases needed to finance necessary investment. The way to deal with these risks, he will argue, is to include in airport tariffs a margin to compensate airports for risk and uncertainty.

## **Awards to be made at the Conference**

In addition to the Great Debate, and discussion on how to mitigate other current aviation risks, the winners of the 2013 European Aviation **Economics and Management Prizes** for 2013 will be announced at the conference. These prizes are sponsored by Ashgate Publishers and GARS (the German Aviation Research Society). There are awards for the two best research papers delivered at the GARS Research Workshop (held earlier in 2013). One prize will be for the best paper in at the BA/MA level, the other at the PhD level. Prize winners will each receive Ashgate books of their choice and a cash award.

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