Risk and food law

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Food safety policy engages many areas of law. Despite their diversity, all these rules are connected by the common thread of risk. Definitely the question of risk is at the heart of European Union food safety policy with numerous legal provisions directed to preventing, reducing or at least controlling such risks. In that context, this presentation aims to discuss about three themes about the relationships between Law and risk: At first, the specific significance of risk governance and risk regulation in the area of techno food in particular biotechnology and food and nanotechnologies and food; Secondly, the role of Law in the food safety and nutrition risk prevention, in particular with disorder eating behavior; Finally the legal way to take into account non trade concerns, like ethic and social consideration, which are linked to food safety and innovation in the food sector. These different areas of research are studied by the authors of this presentation that are part of an international scientific community and a common project under the Legal Research Chair in Food Diversity and Security of the University of Laval (Canada). This chair aims to foster research and the dissemination of legal knowledge on food security with an eye toward developing legal tools to promote and protect the diversity of farm and food products and production methods.

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