

Invitation to the Symposium on European Governance of Health Crises and Disaster Management *Concepts, Tools and Processes*

Amsterdam Law School
Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, Amsterdam
7 December 2018
9.00 – 17.00 hrs

Over the past decade we have witnessed an increased readiness and growing infrastructure on the part of 'Europe' (EU, Council of Europe and WHO) to engage in emergency governance. Many, if not most, of the key examples centre on or implicate public health. Preparedness planning for terrorist attacks and pandemics provides perhaps the most obvious and recurrent example. But there is also the ongoing migration crisis, affecting the southern fringes of the EU in particular. Volcanic eruptions have grounded air travel for fear of lost lives from planes falling from the sky. And further back, BSE/CJD led to fears of an impact on human health as a result of farming techniques for cows. This symposium attempts to provide the groundwork for European governance of health crises and disaster management (EHCDM) and from there to contribute towards an awareness and reflection with regard to the common core norms and values that shape the mechanisms that underpin future responses to emergencies in Europe.

Provisional Programme

Coffee and Registration

09:00-09:30

Welcome and Introduction

Dr Anniëk de Ruijter, University of Amsterdam, NL and Dr Mark L Flear, Queen's University Belfast, UK
09:30-10:00

Panel 1: Concepts – Chair: Mark Flear

10:00-11:30

Rule of Law and State of Emergency in European Health Administration

Dr Filipe Brito Bastos & Dr Anniëk de Ruijter, University of Amsterdam, NL

Brexit as a Health Crisis: the Limits of Law for Disaster Management

Professor Tamara K Hervey, University of Sheffield, UK

The Role of the Right to Informed Consent in Pandemic Policies EU and WHO Coordination of National Responses to Public Health Emergencies

Hannab van Kolschooten LL.M., University of Amsterdam, NL

Refreshments

11:30-11:45

Panel 2: Tools and Techniques – Stephen L. Roberts

11:45-13:15

Electronic Mechanisms of Information Exchange as a Key Tool in the EHCDM? (An Analysis of the EU Health Threats Decision)

Dr Patrycja Dąbrowska-Kłosińska, University of Warsaw, Poland/Queen's University Belfast, UK

Health as a Tactic in the Management of Migration in Crisis in the European Union

Dr Rachael Dickson, University of Strathclyde, UK

Vaccines as a 'Tool' to Conceptualise the European Take on Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases

Dr Marco Rizzi, University of Western Australia Law School, Australia

Lunch

13:15-14:00

Panel 3: Processes - Chair: Anniek de Ruijter

14:00-15:30

**Securitisation, Threats to Health and Emergency Governance in Europe:
Examining Management of the Dead as Part of Disaster Response**

Professor Anne-Maree Farrell, La Trobe University, Australia

Constituting 'the' EU through Health Crisis and Disaster Management

Dr Mark L Flear, Queen's University Belfast, UK

Pathogens at the Gate: Algorithmic Regulation and Pandemic Surveillance in the EU

Dr Stephen L Roberts, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Policymaker Roundtable – moderator Tamara Hervey

15:30-17:00

Professor A (Aura) Timen

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EU DG Health*

We are pleased to invite to the symposium academics, policy experts and practitioners at any career stage, from the fields of law, public health, social science or political science or any related discipline. Please register by 5 December 2018.

Lunch will be provided for registered guests.