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 Anniek 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 Filippe Brito Bastos & Dr Anniek 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 Kolfschooten LLM, 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-Marie 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
Head National Coordination Centre for Communicable Disease Control
RIVM, Bilthoven Athena Institute, VU University, Amsterdam

Riccardo Malacalza
Legal Officer at the European Centre for Disease Control

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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.