



**INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE AGE OF COVID-19:
THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON PEACE AND SECURITY**

**2-4PM (UK TIME)
TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2020**

**ONLINE EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ESIL INTEREST GROUPS ON
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH LAW
AND
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY**

The COVID-19 pandemic is, in the words of the UN Secretary-General, ‘exposing the fragility of our societies.’ It constitutes an unprecedented challenge to both global health governance and to peace and security. This event explores the nature of the challenge from the perspectives of international health law and international law relating to peace and security, with both specialist academics and practitioners engaging in the debate.

The first part of the discussion will deal with recent international developments during the pandemic: the role of the World Health Organization, the International Health Regulations, the Commission of Inquiry on COVID-19 and the ongoing dispute between the USA and China. The second part of the discussion will then look closely at the security implications of COVID-19, including the lockdown of the Security Council, hostile state cyber operations on healthcare systems and health and global security.

The webinar will be held on Google Meet. To register, please email Clare Frances Moran (c.moran@napier.ac.uk). The programme can be found overleaf.

Programme

i. The legal framework of the CoVid-19 pandemic, 2-3pm

Moderator

Gianluca Burci (*The Graduate Institute, Geneva*)

Introduction

Lawrence O. Gostin (*Georgetown University, Washington DC*)

Discussants

Pia Acconci (*University of Teramo*)

Philippe Sands (*University College, London*)

ii. The impact of CoVid-19 on peace and security, 3-4pm

Moderator

Nicholas Tsagourias (*University of Sheffield*)

Discussants

Marko Milanovic (*University of Nottingham*)

Ilja Richard Pavone (*National Research Council of Italy*)

Brigitte Toebes (*University of Groningen*)

Pedro Villarreal (*Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg*)