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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' ACTION IN TIMES OF COVID-19: LAW-MAKING BY
EXPERTISE AND SOFT LAW
WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 2021

Hybrid Venue:
 Stockholm University's Main Building (South House, Building E, room E420)
 (<http://esil2021.se/venues/>)
 Frescativägen 114 19, Stockholm, Sweden
AND
 Online via Zoom

PROGRAMME

13:00 – 13:05	WELCOME BY CONVENERS
13:05 - 13:30	<u>KEYNOTE ADRESS</u> Three Models of International Law-making by Expertise <i>Christiane Ahlborn (United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, New York, United States of America)</i>
PANEL 1: THE ROLE OF SOFT LAW	
13:30 - 13:45	COVID-19 and the Actions of the South Asian University (SAU): The Evolution of the Soft Law of SAU and the Role of its Functionaries <i>Ravindra Pratap (South Asian University, India)</i> <i>Discussant: Sufyan El Droubi (University of Dundee, Scotland)</i>
13:45 - 14:00	The Challenges of The Global Health Governance System in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Contributions and Alternatives for Strengthening Commitment to 'Soft law' Instruments <i>Paula Wojcikiiewicz Almeida (Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil)</i> <i>Discussant: Catherine Brölmann (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)</i>
14:00 – 14:15	International Organization's Action in Times of COVID-19: "Smart" Power <i>Miriam Cohen, Jean-Louis Denis, Catherine Régis, Pierre Larouche, Stéphanie Cadeddu, Gaëlle Foucault (University of Montreal, Canada)</i> <i>Discussant: Stéphanie Dagrón (University of Geneva, Switzerland)</i>
14:15 – 14:30	To Be Soft, or Not To Be Soft: This Is (Not) the (Only) Question <i>Giulia Bosì (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy)</i> <i>Discussant: Richard Collins (University College Dublin, Ireland)</i>



14:30 – 15:05	General Discussion
15:05 – 15:15	INTERMISSION
PANEL 2: LAW-MAKING BY EXPERTISE	
15:15 – 15:30	<p>UNWTO Action to Revive Tourism in Times of COVID-19 <i>Laura Huici-Sancho (University of Barcelona, Spain)</i> <i>Discussant: Stefania Negri (University of Salerno, Italy)</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>COVID-19 Introducing a Sliding Scale between Legality and Scientific Knowledge <i>Ioanna Pervou (Hellenic Open University, Patras Greece/ Democritus University of Thrace, Greece)</i> <i>Discussant: Gail Lythgoe (University of Manchester, England)</i></p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Scientific Expertise and Normativity of International Animal Health Standards in Times of COVID-19: A Challenge for International Trade Governance? <i>Phakanadh Suttthent (University of Glasgow, Scotland)</i> <i>Discussant: Gian Luca Burci (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland)</i></p>
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Global Regulatory Standards, Co-operation, Accountability and Expertise: The IHR 2005 <i>Caroline Foster (University of Auckland, New Zealand)</i> <i>Discussant: Lorenzo Gasbarri (Bocconi University, Italy)</i></p>
16:15– 16:50	General Discussion
16:50 – 17:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FAREWELL