

# Yearbook of International Disaster Law



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## Expert Meeting “Is International Disaster Law Protecting Us?”

**Monday 4/10/2021 and Tuesday 5/10/2021**  
**Roma Tre University, Department of Law**  
(Hybrid format: in presence/virtual meeting)

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This Expert Meeting is organized at the occasion of the launch of the [call for abstracts](#) for Issue no. 4 (2021) of the [Yearbook of International Disaster Law](#) (Brill) in cooperation with the [Disaster Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law](#) and the Jean Monnet Project ‘[Disseminating Disaster Law for Europe](#)’

**Monday 4th October 2021**  
**Morning**

**9.30 CET**  
**Opening Remarks**

Giulio Bartolini (Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law, Associate Professor of International Law, Roma Tre University)

Giuseppe Palmisano (Full Professor of International Law and Head of the Department of Law Research Commission, Roma Tre University, General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights)

Frank Mohrhauer (Director National Society, Policy and Knowledge Development, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)

**9.45 – 13.00 CET**

**The Long Covid Effect on the International Health Law System: Prospects and Challenges for the IHRs and the Pandemic Treaty**

Chair: Stefania Negri (Associate Professor of International Law, University of Salerno)

Steven Solomon (Principal Legal Officer, WHO), Reform Proposals on Pandemic Preparedness and Response: What Is Being Discussed in WHO?

Gian Luca Burci (Adjunct Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Former Legal Counsel, WHO), Global Health Security and COVID-19: An Overall Assessment

Mutoy Mubiala (Professor, University of Kinshasa, Guest Editor of the African YIL on ‘African Regional Law and Health’), A Perspective from the Global South

Ginevra Le Moli (Assistant Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University), The Containment Bias: Unveiling the Prevention Blindspot in the International Health Regulations

Pedro Villarreal (Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute of International and Comparative Law, Heidelberg), Pandemic Risks and International Law

*11-11.30 CET // Coffee Break*

Rachel Macleod (Senior Disaster Law Officer, IFRC), Legal Issues in the Public Health Emergency Response Phase

Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (Associate Professor of EU Law, Link Campus University), What went wrong with Covax? Exploring Some Lessons Learnt in Order to Prepare an Effective Response for the Next Health Crisis

Benjamin Mason Meier (Professor of Global Health Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), The Human Rights Implications of the Prospective Pandemic Treaty

Q&A Session

Concluding remarks by Fausto Pocar (Honorary President, Sanremo IIHL, Member of the Institut de droit international, Commission on ‘Epidemics and International Law’)

*13.00 CET // Light Lunch*

**Monday 4th October 2021**  
**Afternoon**

**14.45-16.15 CET**

**A Practitioners' Perspective on International Disaster Law: Roundtable on the Role of Law in Managing/Preventing Disasters**

Chair: Giulio Bartolini (Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law, Associate Professor of International Law, Roma Tre University)

Isabelle Granger (Global Coordinator Legislative Advocacy, Disaster Law Programme, IFRC)

John Grahaman (World Food Programme, Legal Office)

Food and Agricultural Organisation (name TBC)

Francesco Pontiroli Gobbi (Legal and Policy Officer, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations – ECHO, European Commission)

Italian Civil Protection Mechanism (TBC)

Q&A Session

*16.15-16.30 // Coffee-break*

**16.30-18.00 CET**

**'What's next?' Emerging or Neglected Questions in International Disaster Law**

Chair: Tommaso Natoli (Head of the Editorial Committee YIDL, Consultant IFRC, Disaster Law)

Kirsten Bookmiller (Professor, University of Millersville, Vice-Chair of the Disaster Law Interest Group, American Society of International Law), Regional Perspectives on Emerging and Neglected Questions of IDL?

Federico Casolari (Associate Professor of EU Law, University of Bologna), The reform of the EU civil protection mechanism: a stronger cooperation platform to manage disaster scenarios?

Hugo Washington Cahueñas Muñoz (Professor, University San Francisco de Quito, Chair of the Disaster Law Interest Group, American Society of International Law), Recent developments on disaster law in the South America hemisphere

Marlies Hesselman (Lecturer of International Law, Groningen University, Editor YIDL), The Need for an Independent Expert on Human Rights and Disasters

Rachel Macleod (Senior Disaster Law Officer, IFRC), The Pilot Guidance on Law and Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

Anastasia Telesetsky (Professor, California Polytechnic State University), Driving Deep Global Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation: Coordinating a Global Carbon Reduction Facility and Enhancing Decarbonized Technology Transfer

Robert Verchick, (Gauthier-St. Martin Eminent Scholar and Chair in Environmental Law, Loyola University, New Orleans), Climate-Induced Disasters and Electricity Infrastructure

Diego Zannoni (Research Fellow in International Law, University of Padova), Out of Sight, Out of Mind? The Proliferation of Space Debris and International Law

**Tuesday 5th October 2021  
Morning**

**9.30-11.15 CET**

**Climate Change and Sea-Level Rise: Protection Issues**

Chair: Giuseppe Nesi (Professor of International Law, Trento University, Former Legal Adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly)

Patrícia Galvão Teles (Member of the UN International Law Commission, Autonomous University of Lisbon), The activities of the ILC on Sea-Level Rise in relation to the protection of persons affected by this phenomenon

Matthew Scott (Head of People in the Move Thematic Unit, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law), Integrating international human rights law into national and sub-national disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

Annalisa Savaresi (Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland), Human Rights Bodies and Climate Litigation: Untapped Resources?

Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh (Assistant Professor of International Law, Leiden University), Is the International Court of Justice fit to provide Protection in the Climate Change Crisis: Any Room for an Advisory Opinion?

Q&A Session

*11.15-11.45 // Coffee-break*

**11.45-13.00 CET**

**Toward UN Climate Change Conference COP 26: A Policy and Legal Conversation**

Chair: Dug Cubie (Lecturer of Law, University College Cork, Editor of the YIDL)

Christina Voigt (Professor of International Law, University of Oslo, Co-Chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee)

Rosemary Lyster (Professor of Climate and Environmental Law, University of Sydney)

Stephen Gethins (Professor of Practice in International Relations, University of Saint Andrews, Former Vice Chair of the All-Party Group on Climate Change in the UK Parliament)

**13.00 Closing remarks:** Giulio Bartolini (Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law, Associate Professor of International Law, Roma Tre University)

*Light Lunch*

**14.30-15.45 CET**

**Internal Meeting of the Members of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law (by invitation only)**

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