



**COVID-19 & CROSS-BORDER HEALTH MEASURES:
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Barbara von Tigerstrom is a Professor at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law, where she has been a member of faculty since 2005. Previously she worked at the University of Alberta Health Law Institute and the University of Canterbury School of Law. She holds a law degree from the University of Toronto and Ph.D. in law from the University of Cambridge. She has received several awards for excellence in teaching and research, and research grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Stem Cell Network, among others. Her main areas of teaching and research are health law and policy, information and privacy law, and tort law. Her work in public health examines domestic and international legal issues relating to both infectious and non-communicable diseases. Since March 2020 she has been engaged in a research project funded by the CIHR on the International Health Regulations (IHR) and COVID-19, with her work focusing on travel restrictions and the IHR. In addition to her teaching and research, she contributes her expertise to University and external committees including the University of Saskatchewan Biomedical Research Ethics Board and the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan.

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Lisa Forman is the Canada Research Chair in Human Rights and Global Health Equity and an Associate Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She is an international human rights law scholar whose research explores how the right to health may contribute to advancing health equity, including in relation to access to medicines, universal health coverage, global health policy, pandemic responses and COVID-19. Her research has produced over 100 publications and has been supported by the CIHR, the European Commission, the WHO and the Lupina Foundation. Lisa has worked with the Ugandan Centre for Health, Human Rights and Development, Care Peru, the Canadian HIV Legal Network, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, the UN High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines and the UN appointed Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. Lisa is a dual citizen of South African and Canada, and qualified as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa, with a BA and LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her graduate studies include a Masters in Human Rights Studies from Columbia University and a Doctorate in Juridical Science from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law.

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Diego Silva is a Lecturer in Bioethics at the University of Sydney, Australia. His research investigates the values and concepts intersecting ethics, politics, and public health (particularly infectious diseases, e.g., tuberculosis, pandemic influenza, and COVID-19), from both philosophical and policy perspectives. In particular, Dr. Silva is interested in how liberal and democratic theory applies in the context of infectious diseases, including question related to public health, health security, and research. He has an MA in philosophy and PhD in public health, both from the University of Toronto. He was an Assistant Professor at Simon Fraser University – British Columbia, Canada (2015-2019) before

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Catherine Worsnop is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and a research fellow at the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM). Her research sits at the intersection of international relations and global health security with a focus on the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations. Her work on these topics has been published in a range of peer reviewed outlets including the Review of International Organizations, The Lancet, International Studies Perspectives, Health Security, and Global Health Governance. Other ongoing projects address international cooperation in the areas of climate change and human trafficking. She has served on expert committees for the World Health Organization and previously worked with the Roundtable on Value & Science-Driven Health Care at the National Academies. She holds a PhD in Politics from Brandeis University and a BA in Government from Colby College.

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James Wiltshire has been Assistant Director of External Affairs at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) since January 2019. In this role, he is responsible for developing global policy for IATA across a broad range of topics, but with a particular focus on consumer issues. As part of his role, James is the assistant to IATA's Medical Advisor and has therefore been at the forefront of IATA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic and its engagements with UN agencies such as ICAO and WHO. James is a professional economist by background and joined IATA's Economics Department in 2013. He also has government and regulatory experience having worked for over 10 years within the UK Government Economic Service and the Civil Aviation regulator. He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics with Hispanic Studies from the University of Nottingham, UK and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland.

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MODERATOR

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Jason Dean-Chen Yin is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Hong Kong working in the field of infodemiology, attempting to understand how different forms of social data (traditional and social media) can be used to understand and manage pandemics. He has spent the past four years in the Asia Pacific region, focusing on health systems and policy in Singapore, Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

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