

AVERTING A COLLISION COURSE? BEYOND THE PANDEMIC INSTRUMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

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BIOGRAPHIES

Speakers

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Pedro A. Villarreal is a Senior Research Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, in Heidelberg, Germany. His research focuses on international and comparative health law, and its intersections with international economic law. He received his PhD in Law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). His research on *Pandemics and Law: A Global Governance Perspective* (published in 2019 in Spanish) was awarded the Prize for the Best Doctoral Dissertation in Law and Social Sciences at said University. He is also a lecturer at both the University of Mannheim, Germany and the University of Milan, Italy.

Hélène de Pooter

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Hélène De Pooter is Assistant Professor of Public Law at Franche-Comté University (France) where she teaches International Law, EU Law and Administrative Law. She is the author of publications in various fields such as climate change law, territorial delimitations, the law of international organizations and the law of the sea. She specialized in International Health Law during her PhD at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. More recently, she conducted a study of WHO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (*Annuaire français de*

droit international, vol. 66, CNRS Editions, 2020) and an analysis of the impact of the pandemic on migrants (Fleury-Graff and Jacob (eds), *Migrations et droit international*, Pedone, 2022). As a member of the International Law Association (ILA), she contributes to the work of the Global Health Law Committee and, together with Gian Luca Burci, she coordinated a [White Paper on One Health](#) for the upcoming 150th anniversary of ILA.

Elisa Morgera

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Elisa Morgera is Professor of Global Environmental Law at Strathclyde University Law School (Glasgow, UK) and specializes in international biodiversity law and its interactions with equity and the protection of human rights, notably the human rights of Indigenous peoples and small-scale fishing communities, everyone's rights to health, science and a healthy environment, and business responsibility to respect human rights. Elisa is the Director of the One Ocean Hub, a global interdisciplinary research collaboration of research institutions in the UK, Africa, South Pacific and the Caribbean, as well as UN agencies and other international partners.

The One Ocean Hub is pioneering research on human rights and the marine environment with a view to better connecting marine and social sciences, and the arts, to support fair and inclusive decision-making for a healthy ocean whereby people and planet flourish.

Daniel Warner

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Daniel Warner earned his BA in Philosophy and Religion from Amherst College and a PhD in Political Science from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, where he was Deputy to the Director for many years as well as founder and director of several programs on international organizations. He has organized training courses for young government officials from 27 countries and has served as an advisor to UNHCR, ILO and NATO as well as a consultant to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense of Switzerland. He is a frequent media commentator and a regular analyst on Inside Geneva, a podcast of the Swiss Broadcasting system.

Moderator

Gian Luca Burci

Adjunct Professor of International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute



Gian Luca Burci is Adjunct Professor of international law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva since 2012. He is also the Director of the joint LLM on Global Health Law and Governance between the Graduate Institute and Georgetown Law School, as well as Academic Adviser in the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute. Since 2016, Prof. Burci is Visiting Professor and Senior Scholar at the O'Neill Center on National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University School of Law.

Before his appointment at the Graduate Institute, Gian Luca Burci served in the Legal Office of the World Health Organization from 1998 to 2016 and was its Legal Counsel from 2005 to 2016. He previously worked in the Department of International Cooperation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (1998-1999). During his service in WHO, he was involved in the negotiation and implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the revision and implementation of the International Health Regulations, WHO's response to the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza pandemic and the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak as well as the institutional aspects of WHO reform.

Prof. Burci holds a postgraduate degree in law from the University of Genova, Italy. His areas of expertise are public international law, the law and practice of international organizations as well as global health governance and law.