

Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing: Global and Regional Legal Perspectives

Monday, 20 January 2025

The Centre for Outbreak Preparedness (COP) and the Centre for International Law (CIL) are hosting a high-level Global Health Law event on Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing.

This open event will feature global and regional experts exploring critical legal, policy and governance frameworks that underpin equitable pathogen data sharing. Discussions will spotlight the ongoing negotiations around the draft Pandemic Treaty and examine existing international legal instruments that shape this landscape.

The programme will also highlight regional legal frameworks in India and Indonesia, informed by COP's legal landscaping exercises. Through these discussions, attendees will gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities of pathogen access and benefit-sharing, alongside the broader legal and ethical dimensions of genomic data sharing.

Date & time

20 January 2025
4 – 6PM SGT

Light refreshments provided

Venue

Amphitheatre, Duke-NUS
Medical School

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Time	Agenda	Speakers
16:00	Part 1: Global discussions	
	Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS)	Suerie Moon
	International Health Regulations (IHR) Amendments and the Pandemic Treaty	Gian Luca Burci
	Just Transitions through Data Governance Frameworks in One Digital Health	Calvin Ho
	Discussion	Moderator: Ayelet Berman
17:20	Part 2: Regional discussions	
	Understanding Legal, Policy and Governance Landscape of Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Genomic Data Sharing in India	Kashish Aneja
	Mapping of Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Genomic Data Sharing Governance in Indonesia	Ronald Tundang
	Discussion	Moderator: Elyssa Liu
18:00	Reception	



Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing

Suerie Moon

Suerie Moon is Visiting Professor at the SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (Spring 2025) and Professor of Practice in International Relations & Political Science at the Geneva Graduate Institute, where she also co-directs the Global Health Centre. She seeks to combine academically rigorous research and analysis with policy relevance and impact. Her work is broadly concerned with the intersection of global governance and public health. Her theoretical contributions to the field include conceptualizing the global health system, defining the functions the system must perform to adequately protect public health, global public goods for health, and identifying the types of governance gaps and power disparities that contribute to health inequity. She has developed specialized policy expertise on how to achieve more globally equitable innovation and access to medicines, and strengthen the global governance of outbreaks and pandemics. She has conducted empirical research on pathogen access and benefit-sharing practices, and since 2021 supported intergovernmental negotiations towards a Pandemic Accord. Her current research also focuses on alternative innovation models for medicines.

Prior to joining the Graduate Institute in 2016, she was Lecturer on Global Health and Special Advisor to the Dean at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Her work has been published in leading academic journals and covered in mainstream media. Professor Moon speaks regularly at academic conferences, government and intergovernmental meetings, legislative hearings, civil society convenings and with print, radio, television and online media. She has served on a number of expert advisory bodies and boards, including currently the Board of Directors of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative and WHO Covid-19 Ethics and Governance Working Group. She received a BA in history from Yale, an MPA in international relations from Princeton, and PhD in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



International Health Regulations (IHR) Amendments and the Pandemic Treaty

Gian Luca Burci

Prof. Gian Luca Burci is one of the world's leading global health law experts. He has over thirty years of experience in academia and international organizations. He is currently a Senior Visiting Professor of international law at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, where he also serves as Academic Adviser of its Global Health Centre and directs the joint LL.M. program in Global Health Law and Governance in collaboration with Georgetown University Law Center. Previously, Prof. Burci held the position of Legal Counsel of the World Health Organization (2005-2016) and served as legal officer in the Office of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations (1989-1998). His many achievements include supporting the Security Council's action against Iraq (1990-1998), negotiating the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and a complete revision of the International Health Regulations (2005). He has published extensively, and his work has had a very significant impact on the field of global health law.



Just Transitions through Data Governance Frameworks in One Digital Health

Calvin Ho

Calvin Ho is Associate Professor with the Faculty of Law at Monash University in Melbourne and co-convenor of the Health Law Group. He is also a Research Fellow of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law at the University of Hong Kong, and a Fellow of PHG Foundation, University of Cambridge. His research is on global health law and ethics, and governance of emerging health technologies (with focus on AI). Calvin co-chairs the WHO Expert Group on the Ethics of Social Listening and Infodemic Management, and he is a member of the Ethics Board of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders), and the Ethics Committee of the Hong Kong Genome Institute.



Understanding Legal, Policy and Governance Landscape of Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Genomic Data Sharing in India

Kashish Aneja

Kashish Aneja is a lawyer specializing in health law. He leads initiatives in Asia at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University and supports its Center for Transformational Health Law with his global legal expertise in health law and policy. He also consults for Duke-NUS's Centre for Outbreak Preparedness on the Asia Pathogen Genomics Initiative where he focuses on the legal and governance framework of Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Data Sharing in India. Aneja is a practicing advocate at the Supreme Court of India, the co-founder of the Society for Democratic Rights, New Delhi, and serves on the WHO Roster of Consultants for Public Health Law and Policy.

His work focuses on global health security, issues of law and policy surrounding epidemic and pandemic preparedness, commercial determinants of health, and the use of law to empower evidence-based public health practices. Aneja has provided legal technical assistance on projects with the World Health Organization, UNDP, UNAIDS, CEPI, the Center for Reproductive Rights, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, the Public Health Foundation of India, and the Centre for International Trade and Economic Laws in New Delhi. Aneja has also played a pivotal role in advising governments and drafting national policies and key legislations for countries across the Asia-Pacific.



Mapping of Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Genomic Data Sharing Governance in Indonesia

Ronald Tundang

Ronald Eberhard Tundang brings over 14 years of expertise in international law and policy, focusing on public interest advancements in the fields of trade, investment, and health. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), where his research delves into the intersection of intellectual property law and technology transfer in the pharmaceutical industry.

With significant experience as a former diplomat and legal adviser for Indonesia, Ronald played a pivotal role in negotiating various international agreements, chief among them are ASEAN Free Trade Agreements, including the IP Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). His work has provided him with deep insights into the complexities of policy formulation and regional cooperation, particularly within ASEAN. Currently consulting for Duke-NUS Medical School and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Ronald's recent projects with Duke-NUS have focused on global health law, emphasizing the role of pathogen genomics in pandemic preparedness. His work supports the development of inclusive policies that balance national interests with regional and global health security.

In addition to his professional and academic endeavors, Ronald founded Peta Kebijakan, a platform aimed at enhancing legislative transparency and fostering civic engagement in Indonesia. He holds a Law degree from Gadjah Mada University and a Master's in Public International Law from the University of Groningen, Netherlands. Ronald's mission is to leverage his extensive legal and policy expertise for meaningful social and environmental change, collaborating with governments, international organizations, and non-profits to build sustainable and just frameworks. Ronald is fluent in English and Bahasa Indonesia and is based in Jakarta.



Ayelet Berman

A/Prof. Ayelet Berman is Lead of CIL's Global Health Law and Governance Program. The Global Health Program focuses on research, teaching, capacity building and convening experts and stakeholders in the field. Previously she was Senior Research Fellow in the International Investment Law & Policy Group and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the NUS Faculty of Law. Other past academic appointments include Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and Visiting Professor at the University of Lausanne. Prior to entering academia, Dr Berman practiced law in the field of World Trade Organization (WTO) litigation at Sidley LLP (Geneva), and regulatory and commercial law at Herzog, Fox & Neeman (Tel Aviv).



Elyssa Liu

Elyssa Liu is an international health lawyer who leads the Legal Frameworks team at the Centre for Outbreak Preparedness in Singapore, where she focuses on strengthening legal systems to enhance health outcomes, particularly in emergency preparedness. Her career spans global, regional, and local levels, with expertise in global health, law, and bioethics. Elyssa has held roles at the World Health Organization Headquarters, Kobe Centre and the Western Pacific Regional Office, where she specialised in health law, ethics, human rights, and ageing. At UNICEF, her work spanned health emergencies in humanitarian settings, community health, and antimicrobial resistance. She also brings experience from her work with non-profits such as HelpAge and Women in Global Health. Elyssa holds an LL.M. in Global Health Law, an LL.B. (Honours), and is currently completing an MPH.