

IDEAL NEWSLETTER

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SECOND EDITION

A warm welcome back to the second edition of our IDEAL Newsletter. Formed in 2020, IDEAL aims to facilitate a hub for research and discussion related to the intersection between law and disasters.

In May 2021, IDEAL successfully hosted another open seminar on the topic 'Cyberspace and Technology in Emergencies and Regulation', with presentations from Ass. Prof. Dr Juha Saunavaara, Dr Federica Cristani and Mirva Salminen. This session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirchner. Thank you to our speakers, Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirchner for chairing and to all those who registered their interest.

We are now focussing our efforts on creating an online international 'rolling' conference. More details to come soon! Register your interest at disasterlaw.net or admin@disasterlaw.net.

Save the Date

There are lots of great upcoming events to get involved with!

1) **EIHRSDS** is holding an intensive course from **4-8 October 2021**. Please email: riccardo1.luporini@santannapisa.it for more information.

2) On **Tuesday 13 July 2021**, a Webinar on **Law and Policies for Strengthening Climate Resilience** will be chaired by Dug Cubie from Univeristy College Cork. Please email us at admin@disasterlaw.net for further information.



Online Trainings

IFRC Disaster Law has launched four new online trainings, available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

These new courses are featured on the Training page of the IFRC Disaster Law website, they are free of charge and open to the public - just sign up with an IFRC Learning Platform account.

Topics covered include:

- 1) An Introduction to International Disaster Response Law;
- 2) Introduction to Disaster Preparedness and Response Law;
- 3) Strengthening the Auxiliary Role through Law and Policy; and
- 4) Getting Ready for Red Cross and Red Crescent Advocacy.



EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN DISASTER SETTINGS

4-8 October 2021

Raise awareness on the crucial role of human rights in disaster settings



Webinar on Law and Policies for Strengthening Climate Resilience

Enhancing normative integration between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction

Tuesday 13th July 2021 | h 10.30 – 12.00 (CEST)

[Link to the Webinar](#)

PROGRAMME

Introduction to the Webinar – Dug Cubie (UCC School of Law, Chair)

Opening remarks – Isabelle Granger (IFRC)

- Global findings on Law and Policies for Climate Resilience – Tommaso Natoli (UCC School of Law and IFRC)
- Sweden, the Sendai Framework and Climate Change Adaptation: A Gap Analysis – Marie Aronsson-Storrier (University of Reading)
- Surveying CCA-DRR Regulatory Coherence in Kenya – Catherine Wangechi Mwangi (ICHA – Kenya Red Cross Society)
- Enhancing Integration of DRR and CCA into Irish Emergency Planning – Peter Medway (UCC and IFRC)
- Open discussion

Concluding remarks – Giulio Bartolini (University of Roma Tre), Responsible for the Jean Monnet Project 'DILAW4E'



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IDEAL Seminar summary

This seminar was an opportunity for us to come together and discuss the role of cyberspace and technology in relation to emergencies and regulation.

To start our discussion Ass. Prof. Dr Juha Saunavaara presented on the topic "The global submarine fiber-optic cable network and its vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters." This posed many questions about the safety of this network, including whether sharks are a threat (spoiler – they are not!). Dr Federica Cristani followed this with her presentation on "The impact of disasters on technology transfer: an international economic law perspective" followed by Mirva Salminen's discussion on "Cybersecurity in times of crisis - Finnish experiences amidst the Covid-19."

These excellent presentation led to insightful interdisciplinary discussions on the impact of recent cyber attacks across the world – particularly in Ireland and even New Zealand! This will continue to be a very engaging and pertinent area of law which is well-worth keeping an eye on!

A recording of this seminar has been uploaded to our website under Events – Event Materials. If there are any issues with the video please let us know.

Introducing...

Following our successful May seminar on the topic '**Cyberspace and Technology in Emergencies and Regulation**', we would like to introduce our participants:

Ass. Prof. Dr Juha Saunavaara, Dr Federica Cristani, Mirva Salminen and Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirchner.

Ass. Prof. Dr. Juha Saunavaara



Ass. Prof. Dr. Juha Saunavaara, is currently Assistant Professor at the Arctic Research Center, teaching at the Graduate School of Public Policy, publications in various disciplines) with personal interest in regional development policies (especially Hokkaido) and relations between Finland and Japan. Current research: Telecommunication infrastructure and data centers in the Arctic and North, paradiplomacy, Arctic tourism and more.

Dr. Federica Cristani



Dr. Federica Cristani is a senior researcher at the Centre for International Law. She has previously worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern (CH), and at the University of Verona, and has been a visiting scholar in different universities and research centres worldwide. Her main research interests include international economic law, the policies of sub-regional groups in Europe and international law of cyberspace. She is a Co-Chair of the Coordinating Committee of the Interest Group on International Economic Law of the European Society of International Law (ESIL).

Mirva Salminen



Mirva Salminen is a researcher (Arctic Centre) and Doctoral Candidate (University of Lapland, Faculty of Social Sciences) Northern Institute of Environmental and Minority Law. At the Arctic Centre, Mirva is carrying out research on digitalization and cyber security in the Arctic from the human security point of view. In her doctoral dissertation, she is scrutinizing the impacts of security commercialization on Finnish national security. Prior to joining the Arctic Centre, Mirva worked in research and expert positions in the field of cyber security in both public and private sectors.

Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirchner



Stefan Kirchner is Research Professor of Arctic Law at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi (Finland). His work includes research on different aspects of governance and regulation relevant for the Arctic and beyond, for example concerning uses of spaces and areas, climate change, the international law of the sea, international environmental law, international space law, international waterways, international economic law, biolaw, health law, international litigation and international human rights law, in particular the European Convention on Human Rights.

In the media



Legal Preparedness for Disasters in the Pacific

In May this year, IFRC Asia Pacific Manager Gabby Emery and Pacific Manager Meia Faasau did an online talk for the NZ Council for International Development on legal preparedness for disaster response in the Pacific. This talk was well-attended by members of the NZ humanitarian sector and provided many interesting insights!

The video is available on our website under the Media page. It is also available on YouTube: CID Talk: Legal Preparedness for Disasters in the Pacific - YouTube.



As our international network continues to expand, we welcome all researchers, students and practitioners interested in disaster law to join. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions!

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