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Covid19 has shown that pandemics can threaten lives globally, cripple economies, put millions out of work and lead to a radical break with everyday habits – on a scale previously thought impossible. Access to vaccines and medicines is critical in halting the disruption caused by Covid19 and in helping the world to emerge from this crisis as quickly, fairly and safely as possible. Law plays a decisive role as it aims to reconcile private and public interests and to establish regulatory frameworks that ensure fair access to scarce resources, both globally between states and domestically between citizens.

On 11 July 2022, Stellenbosch University and Technische Universität Dresden will host a one-day international legal conference examining the efficacy of the law in securing access to vaccines and medicines in times of pandemics. Embedded in the larger research context of disruptiveness and societal change, the conference will examine whether the existing legal concepts and frameworks, including their implicit ethical values, have successfully effectuated their aims during the Covid19 pandemic.

In the context of pandemics as disruption, the law's role to ensure fair access will be assessed at three different levels: first, the international level of global equality regarding access and the question of how human rights and international economic law interrelate; second, the constitutional level of equality regarding access for citizens and the question of the relationship between parliaments and the executive; and, third, the statutory level of creating incentives for research into vaccines and medicines and the question of balancing private and public interests through intellectual property law such as patent law.

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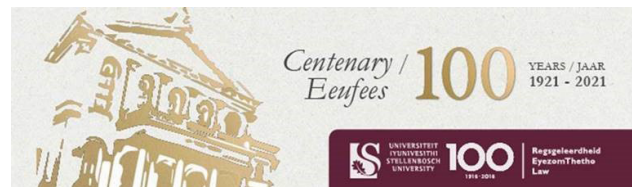
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Access to
Vaccines and
Medical Care
During
Pandemics:
Covid19 as
Disruption

Hybrid Conference
Dresden &
Stellenbosch

Presentations

10:30 CET/SAST **Welcome Address**
Prof. Dr. Ursula M. Staudinger
Rector of Technische Universität Dresden

10:45 - 12:15 CET/SAST **Intellectual Property Law**
Patent System – Incentivizing Innovation vs. Limiting Access

Prof. Dr. Anne Lauber-Rönsberg / Dr. Sven Hetmank,
Chair of Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, Media and
Data Protection Law, Technische Universität Dresden

TRIPS Flexibilities and Patent Waivers
Dr. Madelein Kleyn, Director Technology Transfer, Innovus,
and Research Fellow, Anton Mostert Chair of IP,
Stellenbosch University

Chair: N.N.

12:15 CET/SAST **Break**



13:30 - 15:00 CET/SAST **International Law**

I Can't Get No Vaccination – Global Access to Vaccines and Medicines from the Perspective of Human Rights Law and International Economic Law
Prof. Dr. Dominik Steiger, Chair of International Law,
European Law and Public Law; Academic Director, Center
for International Studies, Technische Universität Dresden

Access to Vaccines and Medicines under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Dr. Megan Donald, Faculty of Law, Department of Public
Law, Lecturer in Environmental Law, Stellenbosch University

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. Sabine von Schorlemer, Chair of
International Law, European Law and International Relations,
UNESCO Chair in International Relations, Technische
Universität Dresden; Former Saxon State Minister for
Higher Education, Research and the Fine Arts (retd.)

15:00 CET/SAST **Break**

15:30 - 17:00 CET/SAST **Constitutional Law**

Access to Medical Care and Vaccines during a State of Disaster: Fundamental Rights and State Obligations
Prof. Dr. Wessel le Roux, Professor of Public Law,
University of the Western Cape

Constitutional Foundations and Limits of Patent Protection in Times of Pandemics
Prof. Dr. Martin Schulte, Chair of Public Law,
esp. Environmental and Technological Law,
Technische Universität Dresden

Chair: Prof. Dr. Henk Botha, Professor of Public Law,
Stellenbosch University

Registration

In order to participate, please send an email to
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Location

...in person:
**Konferenzgebäude des Instituts für Holztechnologie
Dresden (IHD)**
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