

GLOBAL HEALTH LAW INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues:

Welcome to our first newsletter as an ASIL IG! We are delighted to share what the IG has been up to over the past few months:

I. SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING IG EVENTS

From Principles to Practice: Critical Reflections on Human Rights Advocacy in Public Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

On **January 18th from 10am to 11:30am EST**, join leading experts in health and human rights online for the capstone webinar to Harvard Petrie-Flom Center's Bill of Health symposium on the 2023 *Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Public Health Emergencies*. Register for the webinar today via www.tinyurl.com/ICJ-GHLC-webinar.

Missed out on the symposium? Catch all author contributions here.

Book Launch – Weaponising Evidence: A History of Tobacco Control in International Law

Join us in Washington, DC or online at 12pm on **Tuesday, 23 January 2024** for the launch of Dr. Margherita Melillo's upcoming CUP book, "Weaponising Evidence: A History of Tobacco Control in International Law."

Register today via <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCcCOWlwmYyRzKTi12uWHnW0YtsZzvoCfOXNwvwwuAZAMJ1g/viewform>

GHLIG Business Meeting – ASIL Annual Meeting (April 2024)

Going to the ASIL Annual Meeting on 3-6 April 2024? Stay tuned for more details on the date, time and location of our first business meeting of the year! We'll discuss plans and activities for the upcoming year and governance decisions to come.

Global Health Security Conference – GHLIG Side Event (June 2024)

The Global Health Security Conference brings together a range of stakeholders, including practitioners, researchers and decision-makers across the fields of public health, medicine, veterinary science, agriculture, government, defence, international relations, sociology and anthropology, to examine the progress made to date in strengthening health systems and identify the gaps and opportunities for enhancing the international community's ability to respond more efficiently and effectively to future adverse health crises.

This year, the GHS Conference is taking place at the International Convention Centre in Sydney, Australia from 18 to 21 June 2024. The GHLIG is proud to host a side event on the margins of the GHS Conference. Join us in Sydney or online on **Monday, 17 June 2024**. More details coming soon via the ASIL Events Page.

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ICYMI – Advancing Health Justice in a Turbulent World: A University of Ottawa Symposium Commemorating 75 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the World Health Organization

On December 8th, the IG co-sponsored this symposium hosted in-person and online at the Faculty of Law (Common Law Section), University of Ottawa. Featuring keynote lectures by Professor Alicia Ely Yamin from Harvard University & Partners in Health and Professor Benjamin Mason Meier from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, alongside panels of experts from institutions worldwide, this public symposium:

- took stock of negotiations to reform global health laws as they relate to pandemic preparedness;
- examined what human rights frameworks bring to future pandemic-related law reform; and
- facilitated a forward-looking perspective on how human rights law must evolve to better address global health threats.

Catch the panels and keynotes of the day at <https://www.youtube.com/@weblaw/videos>.

II. IG GOVERNANCE

IG Advisory Committee

The IG co-chairs are thrilled to share that a newly formed advisory committee will guide and join in the steering of the IG's upcoming events and activities. Thank you to Gian Luca Burci, Nicole Foster, Alicia Ely Yamin, Alexandra Phelan and Matiangai Sirleaf for joining the inaugural IG advisory committee!

2023 GHLIG Bylaws Referendum

All IG members should have received an invitation to vote on the IG's draft bylaws, posted on the IG's main page at <https://www.asil.org/community/global-health-law>. Please ensure you read the draft bylaws and vote by the posted deadline of **2 January 2024**.

III. NEW PUBLICATIONS BY OUR MEMBERS

We are proud to share the following new and forthcoming publications by GHLIG Members:

Books

- *Weaponising Evidence: A History of Tobacco Control in International Law* by Margherita Melillo, forthcoming in January 2024 (Cambridge University Press) (20% discount code: [MELILLO23](#))
- *Global Health Law and Policy: Ensuring Justice for a Healthier World*, edited by Lawrence O. Gostin and Benjamin Mason Meier, 2023 (Oxford University Press) (30% discount code: [ALAUTHC4](#))
- *When Misfortune Becomes Injustice: Evolving Human Rights Struggles for Health and Social Equality*, 2nd edition, by Alicia Ely Yamin, 2023 (Stanford University Press) (20% discount code: [YAMIN20](#))

Articles

- *The Transformative Potential of Law for Gender and Cancer* by Sondra Davoren, Suzanne Zhou, Evita Ricafort et al, *The Lancet*, 2023
- *Abortion* by Rebecca J. Cook and Bernard M. Dickens in *Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law*, edited by Jan M. Smits et al., 2023 (Edward Elgar Publishing)

Launch of the Journal of Global Health Law

Members of the GHLIG will soon have a new forum for publishing their research! As the first journal dedicated solely to global health law, editors of JGHL invite contributions from scholars from all over the world examining global health law, as well as its interaction with other fields, such as domestic legal systems and other forms of governance, whether they be domestic, regional or global.

Stay tuned for the launch of the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Global Health Law* in January/February 2024. For more information, visit: <https://www.elgaronline.com/view/journals/jghl/jghl-overview.xml>.



IV. OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In late 2023, the GHLIG joined the Global Health Security Agenda's Legal Preparedness Action Package (LPAP), joining a broad spectrum of stakeholders from around the world in promoting legal preparedness as a critical capacity for an effective public health emergency response and for strengthening global health security. Opportunities may be posted in the near future to join meetings of the LPAP as a representative of the IG. Stay tuned for more!

Thank you for reading our January newsletter!

Want to share your latest work or next event in our next GHLIG quarterly newsletter? Email the details to the IG co-chairs, Roojin Habibi (rhabibi@uottawa.ca) and Margherita Melillo (mm4808@georgetown.edu) on or before 15 March 2024!