

Call for Papers

CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE LAW APPROACHES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The present coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic is one of the most significant public health emergencies we have ever encountered. Its scale and severity has also sent shockwaves through the laws and legal systems of countries all around the globe, extending across both the public law and private law domains.

The **School of Law of the Singapore Management University** is organising an academic conference on **Thursday, 10 September 2020** to explore in detail the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had, and is likely to have, within the public law and private law spheres.

We are pleased to invite submissions that aim to further comparative insight and learning on the ways in which different legal systems have grappled with particular public law and private law aspects of the pandemic, such as (but not limited to):

In public law

- Checks and balances on the creation and use of emergency powers
- Challenges to domestic and international legal frameworks and institutions
- Perspectives on the legitimacy of public power exercised in response to the pandemic
- The role of public institutions in norm-setting and power-checking during the pandemic

In private law

- Adaptations of established legal doctrines, for instance, force majeure and frustration
- State intervention in the resolution of private disputes
- The exceptional displacement of (pre-agreed) risk allocation mechanisms
- Historical comparisons of the pandemic and its future implications for private law

We welcome submissions of abstracts from scholars at all stages of their careers.

Presenters whose abstracts are selected will have the option of presenting at the conference either remotely or (circumstances permitting) physically in Singapore. Presenters will not be required to pay a conference fee, but are expected to meet their own travel and accommodation costs if any.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts (no more than 500 words) is **Monday, 15 June 2020**. Please send them to Assistant Professor Kenny Chng and Assistant Professor Kwan Ho Lau at smulaw.covidconf@smu.edu.sg. Any enquiries may be sent to the same e-mail address.

Our best wishes for your good health.