

## ***“Beyond the Virus” Work-in-Progress Symposium***

**PROGRAMME – 9 & 10 JUNE 2021**

**Via Zoom**

***All times below are BST***

### **9 JUNE 2021**

#### **WELCOME**

14:00 - 14:15

#### **PANEL 1**

14:15 – 16:15

Chair: **Dr Sabrina Germain** (City, University of London)

Discussants: **Professor Richard Ashcroft** (City, University of London), **Professor Marie-Andrée Jacob** (University of Leeds) & **Dr Octavio Ferraz** (King’s College London)

Speakers:

- **Dr Gwilym David Blunt** (City, University of London) – *‘Lockdowns and Liberty’*
- **Dr Marie-Ève Couture-Ménard, Professor Louise Bernier, Dr Mylaine Breton and Professor Jean-Frédéric Ménard** (Université de Sherbrooke) – *‘Inequities during the COVID-19 Crisis in Quebec: Governance Law to the Rescue’*
- **Dr Natalia Pires de Vasconcelos** (Insper Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa) – *‘Business as usual: inequality and health litigation during the COVID-19 pandemic for Brazilian prisoners’*
- **Professor Roy Gilbar** (Netanya Academic College) & **Dr Nili Karako-Eyal** (Haim Striks School of Law, The College of Management) – *‘Authority and Governance in Israel during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Crumbling of Solidarity and the Rise of Social Inequalities’*

### **10 JUNE 2021**

#### **WELCOME**

10:30 - 10:45

#### **PANEL 2**

10:45 – 12:00

Chair: **Dr Adrienne Yong** (City, University of London)

Discussants: **Professor Jo Littler** (City, University of London) & **Dr Maartje de Visser** (Singapore Management University)

Speakers:

- **Dr Joe Tomlinson** (University of York & Public Law Project) & **Dr Jed Meers** (University of York) – *‘COVID-19 and Lockdown: An Equalities Analysis’*
- **Dr Valentina Cardo** (University of Southampton) & **Dr Julia Boelle** (Cardiff University) – *‘(In)Equality, Expertise and the COVID-19 Crisis: An Intersectional Analysis’*

## LUNCH

12:00-13:00

## PANEL 3

13:00 – 14:45

Chair: **Dr Sabrina Germain** (City, University of London)

Discussants: **Professor Chris Ashford** (Northumbria University) & **Dr Flora Renz** (University of Kent)

Speakers:

- **Professor Buhm-Suk Baek** (Kyung Hee University) – *‘A new normal, or new abnormal? The South Korean government’s handling of the pandemic from the perspective of LGBT rights’*
- **Dr Aya Musmar** (University of Petra) & **Dr Zainab Naqvi** (De Montford University) – *‘Responsibilising Women Lecturers in Jordan through Pandemic: COVID-19 and the Neoliberal University in the Global South’*

## BREAK

14:45-15:00

## PANEL 4

15:00 – 16:45

Chair: **Dr Adrienne Yong** (City, University of London)

Discussants: **Dr Shan-Jan Sarah Liu** (University of Edinburgh) & **Patricia Tuitt** (independent legal scholar)

Speakers:

- **Dr Diana Yeh** (City, University of London) – *‘COVID-19, Anti-Asian Racial Violence and Structural Inequality’*
- **Dr YY Brandon Chen** (University of Ottawa) – *‘Essential but Expendable: Canada’s Pandemic Responses Regarding Migrant Workers’*

## CLOSING REMARKS

16:45 – 17:00

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



### **Dr Gwilym David Blunt**

Dr. Gwilym David Blunt is a Lecturer in International Politics at City, University of London. Prior to this he was Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the University of Cambridge. His recent monograph *Global Poverty, Injustice, and Resistance* was published by Cambridge University Press. His work has appeared in *International Theory, Politics, Human Rights Quarterly*, and other academic journals. His work has also appeared in popular media such as Aeon, The Conversation, RTE, and National Interest.



### **Dr Marie-Ève Couture-Ménard**

Marie-Eve Couture-Ménard is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Law of the Université de Sherbrooke and a researcher at the Centre de recherche sur la régulation et le droit de la gouvernance (CrRDG) of the Université de Sherbrooke. She teaches in the fields of health law, including public health law, research ethics and food law. Her research focuses on public health law and governance, notably intersectoral governance in health promotion and state accountability challenges during pandemics.



### **Dr Natalia Pires de Vasconcelos**

Natalia Pires de Vasconcelos is an assistant professor of law at Inesper São Paulo, Brazil, and currently a scholar in residence at the Rusk Center for International Law, at the University of Georgia. Natalia researches and writes about social and economic rights in Latin America, with a focus on the right to health and health litigation. Natalia holds a Ph.D. in Public Law from the University of São Paulo and an LL.M. from Yale Law School. She is currently a senior research fellow at the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School and one of the founding members of the Brazilian think-tank LAUT - Center for the Analysis of Liberty and Authoritarianism.



**Professor Roy Gilbar**

Dr. Roy Gilbar is a Professor in the school of law, Netanya Academic College, Israel. His research interests include medical law, bioethics, tort law and socio-legal aspects of health. Professor Gilbar published a book and articles on these subjects.



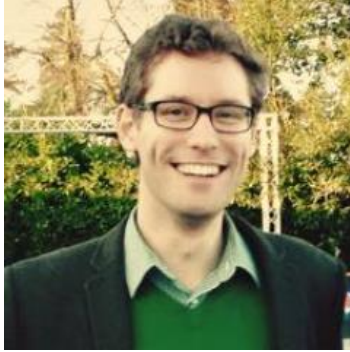
**Dr Nili Karako-Eyal**

Dr. Nili Karako-Eyal is a senior lecturer in the Haim Striks School of Law, The College of Management, Israel. Her research, which has appeared in both peer-edited journals and law reviews, includes bioethics, public health, medical negligence, patients' rights and tort law. She teaches torts and civil procedural law. Dr. Karako- Eyal holds a L.L.B degree from the Tel- Aviv University School of Law and a Ph.D. in law from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Following her studies, she clerked for the Honorable E. Matza J., of the Israeli Supreme court. She is an expert in theoretical, comparative and legal research. She takes part in several bioethics research projects, including projects in the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Bar-Ilan University. She is also the director of a patient rights clinic, which addresses issues of distribution of health resources, the right to medical care, accessibility to health services, patient's rights, public health, and accountability of health providers.



**Dr Joe Tomlinson**

Joe Tomlinson is Senior Lecturer in Public Law at the University of York. He is also Research Director at the Public Law Project, a national legal charity which advances access to public law remedies for the poor and disadvantaged. Prior to joining York in 2019, he held academic appointments at King's College London and the University of Sheffield. He has also held visiting posts at Melbourne Law School and Osgoode Hall Law School. His research focuses on the interplay between public law, public policy, and government systems.



**Dr Jed Meers**

Dr Meers is Lecturer in Law at York Law School. He studied for his undergraduate degree at York Law School, graduating with an LLB (Hons) in 2012, before commencing an Economic and Social Research Council 1+3 PhD studentship. He has undertaken research placements at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. His research interests include public law, socio-legal studies, and social welfare law amongst other subjects.



**Dr Valentina Cardo**

Dr Valentina Cardo is Associate Professor of Politics and Identity at Winchester School of Art, University of Southampton. She is ED&I co-lead for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and co-director of iPIC (Intersectionality: politics, Identities and Cultures) Research Group. Valentina has published widely on gender and/in politics, equality and identity and political communication.



**Dr Julia Boelle**

Julia Boelle is a PhD graduate of Cardiff University's School of Journalism, Media and Culture. Her research interests are in the fields of disaster and crisis communications. In the past year, she has worked on two community journalism projects, focusing on the experiences of community journalists and successful funding models. She has also been involved in a project investigating the UK government's communication of pandemics and Covid-19.





**Professor Buhm-Suk Baek**

Buhm-Suk BAEK is an Associate Professor at Kyung-Hee University, College of International Studies in Korea. He is a member of the UN HRC Advisory Committee and also served as an advisor to various government agencies and NGOs dealing with human rights issues, an advisory member of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, a Research Director of the Korean Society of International Law, and an auditor of the Korea Human Rights Foundation. His research focuses on International Human Rights Law, Transitional Justice, and Third World Approaches to International law. His recent work appears in such journals as *Asian Yearbook of International Law*, *Korea Observer*, *Pacific Focus*, *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law*, and *Asian & Pacific Migration Journal*. He also published a book titled *TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN POST-UNIFICATION KOREA* by Palgrave MacMillan with Ruti Teitel. He received an LL.B. from Seoul National University and LL.M. and J.S.D. in public international law from Cornell Law School.

**Dr Aya Musmar**

Dr Aya Musmar is an Assistant Professor in Architecture and Feminism at the College of Architecture and Design, University of Petra, Amman. Her transdisciplinary research sits at the confluence of refugee studies, feminist studies and architecture and it aims at contesting the established boundaries of each. Her research thinks of the refugee camp as a spatial phenomenon that embodies world unjust politics. She applies a decolonialist feminist critique and is interested in exploring the ways by which architectural research and architectural pedagogies could bear testimony to social injustice. In 2017, Aya worked across the University of Sheffield, the University of Petra and the humanitarian NGO, and founded the Borders' Decay research-design initiative which continues to address and respond to spatial injustice in refugee spaces within and at the outskirts of different Jordanian cities. Since she joined Petra University in February 2020, Aya has been interested in feminist scholarly activism.

**Dr Zainab Naqvi**

Zainab completed her LL.B (Law and French) at Coventry University in 2012, her LL.M (General) with Distinction at the University of Birmingham Law School in 2013 and remained at Birmingham as a Doctoral Researcher. Her research interests are focussed on judicial and legal responses to minorities communities and practices in the UK. Zainab was appointed as a full-time Lecturer in Law at Coventry University in 2017 following the completion of her doctorate and has now joined Leicester De Montfort Law School as a Senior Lecturer in Law. Zainab has also been appointed to the Decolonising DMU project as a Fair Outcomes Champion and is a coordinating editor for the international peer-review journal *Feminist Legal Studies*.



**Dr Diana Yeh**

Diana Yeh is Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Culture and the Creative Industries, City, University of London. She works in and beyond the academy on race and racisms, migration, cultural politics and activism. She is Principal Investigator of the British Academy/Leverhulme funded project 'Becoming East and Southeast Asian: Race, Ethnicity and Youth Politics of Belonging'. She has extensive experience in translocal multi-sited ethnography in China, Taiwan, UK and the US and is author of *The Happy Hsiungs: Performing China and the Struggle for Modernity* (2014) and co-editor of *Contesting British Chinese Culture* (2018). In 2020 she was awarded funding from Resourcing Racial Justice for the project 'Responding to COVID-19 Anti-Asian Racial Violence through Community Care, Solidarity and Resistance'. She works closely with communities and is a regular contributor to global media as well as curating and participating in a range of exhibitions and events for major international institutions. <http://www.dianayeh.com>



**Dr YY Brandon Chen**

Y.Y. Brandon Chen is an Assistant Professor at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law (Common Law Section). Trained as a lawyer and a social worker, he holds SJD, JD, and MSW degrees from the University of Toronto. He was formerly a board member of the Canadian Centre on Statelessness and the co-chair of the Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment based in Toronto, Canada. His research interests lie at the intersection between health and international migration. He has published on such topics as migrant health care, social determinants of migrant health, migration and HIV/AIDS, and medical tourism

## DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



### **Professor Richard Ashcroft**

Richard Ashcroft is Professor of Bioethics and Deputy Dean of the City Law School. Prior to joining City, University of London in 2019, he was Professor of Bioethics at Queen Mary, University of London for more than ten years. He has published widely in bioethics, focussing on ethics in biomedical research, public health ethics, and the relationship between bioethics and human rights. He trained in history and philosophy of science, and has taught medical ethics and bioethics in both medical and law schools since the late 1990s. He has served on several national ethics advisory bodies, and is currently Chair of the Senate Research Ethics Committee for City, University of London.

### **Professor Marie-Andrée Jacob**

Professor Jacob joined the University of Leeds in 2019 having previously worked at Keele University and before that at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Her socio-legal work is interdisciplinary, drawing on ethnographic and more recently archival methods. She is generally interested in activities that sit on the border between legality and illegality. Professor Jacob is the author of *Matching Organs with Donors: legality and kinship in transplants* (Penn Press, 2012) co-editor of the *Research Handbook of Socio-Legal Studies of Health and Medicine* (EE 2020) and author of several articles on socio-legal aspects of medical regulation. She co-directs the Centre for Law and Social Justice at the University of Leeds and acts as Editor for *The Sociological Review*.



### **Dr Octavio Ferraz**

Dr Ferraz is the Co-director of the Transnational Law Institute and reader in Transnational Law, King's College London. He is also a global fellow of the Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo. Dr Ferraz is the author of *Health as a Human Right: The Politics and Judicialisation of Health in Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2021).



### **Professor Jo Littler**

Jo Littler is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and Director of the Gender and Sexualities Research Centre at City, University of London, UK. She is a co-editor of the *European Journal of Cultural Studies* and part of the editorial collective of *Soundings: A Journal of Politics and Culture*. Her books include *Against Meritocracy: Culture, Power and Myths of Mobility* (Routledge, 2018) and with The Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (Verso, 2020).





**Dr Maartje de Visser**

Maartje de Visser is an Associate Professor of Law at the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University. Her research is centered around two broad themes: constitutional engagement by courts and non-judicial actors; and transnational judicial dialogues and networking. She also has an abiding interest in studying the operationalization of global constitutional norms at the national level, as well as comparative pedagogy and methodology. Maartje has published widely on these topics, with her work appearing in peer-reviewed international journals including the American Journal of Comparative Law, Global Constitutionalism and the Asian Journal of Law and Society. She has written two monographs, co-edited four books and contributed chapters to more than 20 edited volumes. Maartje is the recipient of three Lee Kong Chian Fellowships for research excellence and a member of the editorial board of the European Yearbook of Constitutional Law. She is the founding co-chair of the Singapore Chapter of ICON-S.



**Professor Chris Ashford**

Chris has published widely on the area of law and sexuality and legal education. A queer theorist; his research has focused upon challenging normative assumptions about sexuality, particularly in relation to public sex, barebacking, pornography, and relationship structures. Chris is active in a variety of national and international academic networks, and has held a number of high-profile roles. In 2018 he was appointed to the REF2021 Unit of Assessment Sub-Panel for Law. He is also a member of the AHRC and ESRC Peer Review Colleges, and Vice Chair of the Socio-Legal Studies Association.



**Dr Flora Renz**

Dr Flora Renz is a Lecturer in Law at Kent Law School, University of Kent. Flora was previously a Lecturer in the Law School at City, University of London. Flora's research interests lie broadly in the area of gender, sexuality and law and the legal regulation of personhood. She is currently a Co-Investigator on the ESRC-funded Future of Legal Gender Project.



**Dr Sarah Liu**

Dr Sarah Liu is currently a Lecturer in Gender and Politics at the School of Social and Political Science at the University of Edinburgh, my research focuses on the cross-national comparison of gender and politics, specifically the ways contexts – women’s movements, women’s political representation, and immigration - shape the gender gap in political attitudes and activities. I have published widely in Political Science as well as interdisciplinary journals. My works have been featured in the Washington Post Monkey Cage and the Conversation UK. I appear regularly on BBC Radio Scotland and other news outlets. I hold a dual Ph.D. in Political Science and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from the Pennsylvania State University.



**Patricia Tuitt**

Patricia Tuitt is a legal academic working within the field of postcolonial studies. Formerly Professor and Dean of the School of Law at Birkbeck, University of London, she now curates an online resource ([patriciatuitt.com](http://patriciatuitt.com)), consisting of academic articles, book reviews and blog posts. Her publications include the monographs, *False Images: Law’s Construction of the Refugee* (1996) and *Race, Law, Resistance* (2004). She is co-editor of *Critical Beings: Law, Nation and the Global Legal Subject* (2004) and *Crime Fiction and the Law* (2016). Recent published articles include *Walter Benjamin, Race and the Critique of Rights* (2019) and *European Empires in Conflict: The Brexit Years* (2020). Patricia is a member of the Policy Council of Liberty, the Editorial Committee of *Feminist Legal Studies* and the Board of Global Research Network (GRN).