

CALL FOR PAPERS

19th Joint Seminar of the European Association of Law and Economics and The Geneva Association

Vienna, 23-24 June 2022

Pandemics – Liability and Insurance

The 19th Joint Seminar of the International Association for the Study of Insurance Economics (The Geneva Association) and the European Association of Law and Economics (EALE) will be hosted by the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL) in Vienna on 23-24 June 2022.

Submissions are invited for papers dealing with any aspect of the liability implications of pandemics for the (re)insurance industry. Papers might address, *inter alia*, the following issues:

- The role of liability insurers in helping societies to face pandemics.
- The implications for insurers of shifts in liability standards following the COVID-19 crisis.
- The liability implications for insurers of shifting work and business practices in light of enhanced knowledge of pandemic risks.
- The roles of government and (re)insurers in dealing with pandemics, including the possibilities of public private partnerships between (re)insurers and government.
- Analysis of the need to adapt traditional liability and (re)insurance schemes to deal with pandemics.
- Liability insurance and risk mitigation for pandemics.
- The potential functions and merits of liability in tort, insurance systems, and public compensation systems in dealing with pandemic situations and the interplay between these systems.
- The role of tort law in incentivising private or public measures against pandemics.
- Liability and compensation systems for lawful and unlawful use of public powers, such as ordering business shutdowns or (not) authorising vaccines.
- The liability of businesses, private individuals, experts, the media, and other stakeholders for failures or misconduct during the pandemic.

Abstracts should be submitted by **21 January 2022** for review by a scientific board. Acceptance decisions will be announced by **1 March 2022**.

Full papers will be due for submission by **23 May 2022**. A selection of the papers from the seminar will thereafter be invited for publication in *The Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance—Issues and Practice*.

The seminar is sponsored by **The Geneva Association** and its local organiser is Prof. Ernst Karner (ECTIL).

Abstract submissions for the seminar should be sent to ECTIL c/o zeiler@ectil.org