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## Call for Papers

9<sup>th</sup> Law and Economics Conference, University of Lucerne, 16-17 April 2021

### ***Law and Economics of the 2020 Coronavirus Crisis***

**Keynote Speakers:**     **G. Marcus Cole**, Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law,  
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                                 **Hans-Bernd Schäfer**, Affiliate Professor Bucerius Law School

The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic hit unexpectedly, causing unprecedented challenges around the world. At the same time, the crisis also offers a unique opportunity for reflection, research, and insight regarding this and similar global and domestic crises. There is much to learn from analyses of the causes and effects of the crisis; the efficacy and limitations of legal and regulatory responses to it as well as their benefits and costs; the role and impact of the media; the reactions and behaviours of the public to the crisis generally and the regulatory responses to it; and more.

Emergency policy responses – such as financial aid in the form of partial unemployment compensation and short-term work allowance or state-wide lending programmes – attempt to counter the crisis and offset some of its economic and human impacts. Exemplary in this respect were the Swiss economic countermeasures, allowing small and medium-sized enterprises to apply for and receive the actual money transfer of state guaranteed loans within 30 minutes. Will the mentioned forms of state intervention pay off or cause even more harm in the long run? What are possible conclusions for future regulatory efforts, both from a positive and normative point of view?

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the globally imposed lockdowns led to a 60% drop in air traffic. Suddenly, the goals set out in the Paris Agreement as well as our 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development became attainable again. Taking the positive effects of this terrible crisis into account, what are the lessons learned for governments, regulators, businesses and the society as a whole?

The regulatory responses to the 2020 Coronavirus crisis have been of an unprecedented scope. The ongoing crisis provides an opportunity for a fresh scholarly examination of important facets of legal regulation, policymaking, and more. This 9<sup>th</sup> Law and Economics Conference pursues these questions from a broad range of Law and Economics perspectives.

The selected contributions will be published in the academic book series “Economic Analysis of Law in European Legal Scholarship” (<http://www.springer.com/series/11927>).

### Schedule

15 September 2020	submission of proposals
30 September 2020	selection of proposals
28 February 2021	submission of draft papers
16-17 April 2021	presentation of papers at the conference
30 April 2021	submission of final papers
Fall 2021	publication of volume

### Submission of Proposals

If you would like to submit a paper for this conference, you are kindly requested to send a brief **description** of your topic (1-2 pages) and a short **CV** no later than **15 September 2020** to Prof. Dr. iur. Klaus Mathis ([klaus.mathis@unilu.ch](mailto:klaus.mathis@unilu.ch)).

### Speakers' Expenses

Speakers' expenses for accommodation will be covered by the organizers. Speakers are kindly requested to apply to their home institution for their travel expenses.

### Organization

Organized by Prof. Dr. Klaus Mathis, University of Lucerne, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Avishalom Tor, University of Notre Dame Law School.

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