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# **‘Urgency’ and ‘Responsibility’ in Global Cooperation**

## ***Covid-19 and Beyond***

**International Online Conference**

**5-6 October 2020**

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University of Duisburg-Essen

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### **Prospectus**

Global crises have become regular fare in contemporary society: around diseases (Covid-19, Ebola, SARS, Zika, etc.) as well as around climate change, cybersecurity, finance, human rights, migration, poverty, war and more. For all such transboundary challenges a headline message flows that ‘responsible’ actors should ‘urgently’ pursue global cooperation, with the implication that uncoordinated and conflictual approaches are foolish if not depraved.

Taking impetus from Covid-19 and moving across other issue areas, this online conference examines how mindsets of ‘urgency’ and ‘responsibility’ (and their absence) work in global politics. How do people invoke this vocabulary to mobilize global collective action? In contrast, how do others contest ‘urgency’ and ‘responsibility’ – for example, with climate change denials, claims of fake news, responsabilization of migrants, and so on? When do appeals to ‘urgency’ and ‘responsibility’ provoke creative new ways of global cooperation? When on the contrary does this language encourage extra-legal action and suspension of rights?

To explore these issues, the conference convenes international interdisciplinary panels of specialists in a variety of policy fields. We look not only at unfolding experiences around the Covid-19 pandemic, drawing on experts in global health governance, but also look beyond the immediate moment to other ‘crises’ and consider what can be learned from a historical and comparative perspective.

All, anywhere in the world, are welcome to join this global online conference. Please register [online](#), and we will provide you with the relevant access information. We look forward to your participation.

All times are CEST (Central European Summer Time) / UTC + 2h.

# Programme

Monday, 5 October 2020

**08.45-09.15**      **Welcome & Introduction**

**Welcome**

Sigrid Quack, *Director KHK/GCR21*

Anders Burman, *Research Head, SGS*

**Introduction: 'Urgency' and 'Responsibility' in Global Cooperation**

Swati Parashar, *SGS*

Jan Aart Scholte, *KHK/GCR21*

**09.15-10.45**      **Panel 1**

**Whose Responsibility? The Migration Dimension of Covid-19**

**Moderator:** Volker Heins, *KHK/GCR21*

Alan Gamlen, *Monash University Melbourne*

Karen Anne Liao, *National University of Singapore*

Darshan Vigneswaran, *University of Amsterdam*

10.45-11.00

*Break*

**11.00-12.30**

**Panel 2**

**'Urgent Action': Strategies of Mobilization and Cooperation around Human Rights**

**Moderator:** Nina Schneider, *KHK/GCR21*

Monika Baar, *Leiden University*

Marcia Esparza, *City University of New York*

Johan Karlsson Schaffer, *University of Gothenburg*

Christine Unrau, *KHK/GCR21*

12.30-13.30

*Lunch Break*

**13.30-15.00**

**Panel 3**

**Urgent Hunger: Memory and Responsibility after Famines**

**Moderator:** Jenny Edkins, *University of Manchester*

Camilla Orjuela, *SGS*

Swati Parashar, *SGS*

Ram Krishna Ranjan, *University of Gothenburg*

Joanna Simonow, *KHK/GCR21*

Fisseha Fantahun Tefera, *SGS*

15.00-15.15

*Break*

15.15-16.45

**Panel 4**

**'Urgency' and 'Responsibility' in Peacebuilding**

**Moderators:** Tobias Debiel, *KHK/GCR21 and INEF* & Florian Kühn, *SGS*

Berit Bliesemann de Guevana, *Aberystwyth University*

Aidan Hehir, *University of Westminster*

Joakim Öjendal, *SGS*

Theresa Reinold, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

16.45-17.30

*Break*

17.30-19.00

**17. Käte Hamburger Dialogue**

**Global Cooperation under Covid-19**

**Moderator:** Jan Aart Scholte, *KHK/GCR21*

Adia Benton, *Northwestern University*

Maryam Deloffre, *George Washington University*

Tine Hanrieder, *WZB Berlin Social Science Center*

Franklyn Lisk, *University of Warwick*

## Tuesday, 6 October 2020

09.00-09.30

**Taking Stock: What Have We Learned So Far?**

09.30-11.00

**Panel 5**

**Urgency and Responsibility around Gender Violence**

**Moderators:** Amya Agarwal, *KHK/GCR21* & Swati Parashar, *SGS*

David Duriesmith, *University of Sheffield*

Roxani Krystalli, *University of St Andrews*

Elina Penttinen, *University of Helsinki*

Phillip Schulz, *University of Bremen*

11.00-11.15

*Break*

11.15-12.45

**Panel 6**

**Reconciling Urgency, Responsibility and Accountability in Cybersecurity Governance**

**Moderator:** Hortense Jongen, *VU Amsterdam*

Carolina Aguerre, *KHK/GCR21*

Enrico Calandro, *Research ICT Africa*

Louise Marie Hurel, *London School of Economics*

Tatiana Tropina, *Leiden University*

12.45-13.30

Lunch Break

13.30-15.00

**Panel 7**

**Do We Have Time for Democracy? Reflections on Civic Participation during Climate Emergency**

**Moderator:** Katja Freistein, *KHK/GCR21*

Aysem Mert, *Stockholm University*

Peter Newell, *University of Sussex*

Godwin Uyi Oyo, *Friends of the Earth Nigeria*

Rikard Warlenius, *SGS*

15.00-15.15

Break

15.15-16.45

**Panel 8**

**Urgency and Responsibility in the Politics of (De-) Legitimation**

**Moderator:** Frank Gadinger, *KHK/GCR21*

Christopher Smith Ochoa, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

Hortense Jongen, *VU Amsterdam*

Benard Musembi Kilaka, *SGS*

Fredrik Söderbaum and Kilian Spandler, *SGS*

16.45-17.00

**Closing Remarks**

Sigrid Quack, *KHK/GCR21*

Swati Parashar, *SGS*