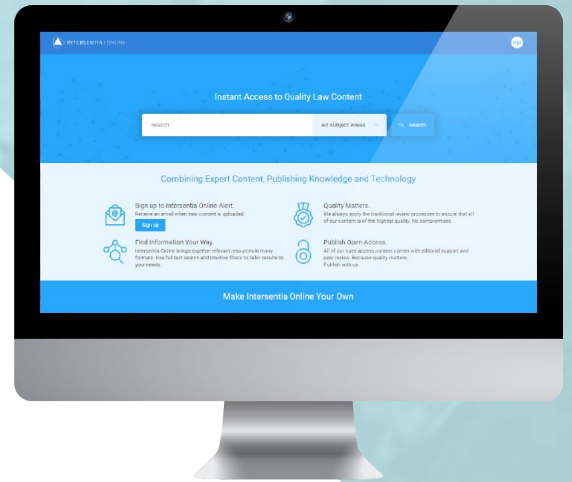


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States introduced *ad hoc* legislation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic that endangered the health and life of citizens. It impacted businesses, the labour market and consumers. This regulatory activity of European states and its consequences is depicted in the project through papers of renowned European scholars and practitioners.

On 30 January 2020, in response to the globalisation of the coronavirus and COVID19, the World Health Organisation declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The deadly outbreak has caused unprecedented disruption to travel and trade and is raising pressing legal questions across all disciplines, which this edited collection of essays attempts to address.

The aims of this project are twofold. It is intended to serve as a “toolbox” for domestic and European judges. These will soon be dealing with the interpretation of coronavirus- and COVID19-related legislation and administrative measures, as well as the disruption the pandemic has caused on society and fundamental rights.

Additionally, this project is aimed at assisting businesses and citizens, who wish to be informed about the implications of the virus in the existence, performance, and enforcement of their contracts.

This academic endeavour is probably the largest academic publication on the impact of the referred pandemics in the law. It consists of a joint, collaborative effort of structuring the recent and ongoing legal developments into a coherent and pan-European overview on coronavirus and the law. It covers practically all European countries and legal disciplines and comprises of chapters from more than sixty highly reputed European academics.

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