

## Foreword

This edited volume entitled “The Governance of Disease Outbreaks - International Health Law: Lessons from the Ebola Crisis and Beyond” is a collaborative effort in many respects, and would not have been possible without the contributions of several persons involved. First, it is the product of an institutional collaboration between the Forschungsstätte der Evangelischen Studiengemeinschaft e.V./Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (FEST) and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law (MPIL), both located in Heidelberg, Germany. In 2014, the FEST and the MPIL identified a common research interest concerning “International Health Governance” (IHG) and formally set up their collaboration in 2015. The FEST had a particular research series on health responsibility on the public-private divide and the MPIL was framing health within the context of the “International Public Authority (IPA)”<sup>1</sup> approach in order to analyze international institutions. Health was quickly identified as a joint thematic area of interest within both institutions. While IHG has long been of interest to the discipline of public health with its roots in medicine, sociology of health, economics and political science, the field is still by and large under-researched in international law. In order to define a first concrete research field, the case of the then-ongoing Ebola crisis was chosen, and with it the international governance of disease outbreaks more generally. First and foremost, the editors wish to thank *Armin v. Bogdandy* (MPIL) and *Klaus Tanner* (FEST) as the responsible directors at the respective institutions for their support and trust in this project.

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1 For the latest lead publication of this project, see Bogdandy, A von, Goldmann, M & Venzke, I, “From Public International Law to International Public Law: Translating World Public Opinion into International Public Authority” (2017), 28 *EJIL*, 115.

*Steinbrück Platise*, and *Christian R. Thauer*. All contributors met in an earlier workshop in Heidelberg in March 2016 on the same topic. In this respect, we also would like to thank all funding institutions of both the workshop and the present edited volume for all their support, as well as the MPIL and the FEST: The German Federal Ministry of Health/Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (BMG), and the “Normative Orders” Cluster of Excellence at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main in Germany. Likewise, we wish to thank all workshop presenters for their insights and discussion: *Pia Acconci*, *Monica Cappelletti*, *Ali Aghahosseini Dehaghani*, *Eszter Kollár*, *Giuseppe Pascale*, and *Andra Le-Roux Kemp*. We also would like to thank all participants and thus engaged listeners of that workshop. The workshop could not have taken place without the staff support of *Margit Dagli*, and *Ute Emrich* (MPIL), as well as *Marie Bolster* and *Violetta Ritz* as student assistants.

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