

# Young Scholars Program: Advance Preparation Guidance

Welcome to the European Association of Health Law Young Scholars Program! We are looking forward to working with you in Uppsala.

You will have seen from the program that two of the activities involve required advance preparation from you, and one has optional advance preparation. This document guides you in that preparation, and lets you know what to expect from the Young Scholars Program.

Please note that this program is not in 'ordinary' conference mode, where people give papers, then there is a commentator and Q&A. We've done this before, but we noticed in the last few years that many young scholars were accepted to give papers in the main conference, and quite right too! So if you want to do that, don't hesitate to apply for the main conference, AND join the young scholars program as well.

## Required preparation

There are two pieces of required preparation:

1. Getting creative about communicating your methodology
2. Elevator pitch

Neither should take you too long, but please do both of them before the event. It can be very good to discuss them with your supervisor(s), not least because it gives you great insights into what your supervisors think your project is, and also into your supervisors' own work.

## Getting creative about communicating your methodology

What to expect	This activity will take place in breakout rooms, with around 4 people per group. Each group will have a moderator who is keen to help people learn about legal research methodologies, and to encourage learning through peer and self-feedback. In turn, each person will give a brief (5 minute) verbal presentation on the methodology/ies adopted in their research project (PhD). The creative part? You may use only one image to support what you say. After each presentation,
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	we will use a system called 'Gold and Green peer feedback' to give you feedback on (i) your research methodology/ies; and (ii) your presentation skills. Everyone will give feedback to everyone in the room, using <a href="#">a feedback model</a> that emphasises positive affirmation and actionable improvements. This means that while each person is talking, you need to be making (mental) notes of feedback, using the model.
What you need to do in advance	Think about how to represent your methodology/ies in one image. Prepare a single powerpoint slide with that image, and your name and affiliation, and upload it in the folder <a href="#">here</a> . Please do this by the end of 7 September 2026, so that we can coordinate the event. There is an example for you within the folder ('Read me first'). Prepare to speak for 5 minutes, explaining your methodology (using the image of course!) and why it is appropriate for your research question.
What we aim for us to learn	We would like everyone to learn about (i) what their research methodology is – its strengths and weaknesses, when it is (and isn't) appropriate, what (legal) research questions it can (and cannot) answer; (ii) how effective each of us is in explaining our project from a methodological point of view; (iii) how each of us may improve that communication; (iv) any more general communication skills that we do well, and could improve.

Elevator pitch

What to expect	In a small group of around 5 people, within the auditorium or other large space, you'll explain your research project as if you'd just met someone in an elevator who asks about it. You only have the time of an elevator ride to explain it! After a strict 3 minutes, a timer will go off and you must stop (because everyone is leaving the elevator!). After everyone has had a turn, we'll each go round and give one piece of self-feedback: what did you learn from doing the exercise (as a whole, including preparation)? Then the moderators for each group will give general feedback (from what they heard) to the whole room.
What you need to do in advance	Prepare an <u>absolute maximum</u> 3 minute talk on your research project, using the following 30:60:90 guide: 30 seconds on why your research topic is important. For example: Why should anyone be interested in your research; what broader societal, legal, theoretical, other puzzles, challenges, issues, injustices, others does it tackle (a small part of)?

	<p>60 seconds on what the law is (or isn't). For example: What is the relevant (European) law at issue in your research, what is wrong with it or good about it, or if there isn't any appropriate law, what other law covers it? What can <i>legal</i> scholarship do to assist with the broader issues you identified?</p> <p>90 seconds on the contribution to knowledge you hope to make with your research. For example: What do we already know about this topic, what have other scholars said (and why have they missed things/is it important to revisit/add to what they have said)? What technological, societal, other changes mean legal analysis will be original? What does your fresh take hope to add to existing knowledge?</p>
<p>What we would like us to learn</p>	<p>The discipline of speaking for just 3 minutes helps us all to get to the 'meat' or 'heart' of what we will elaborate in lengthy PhD manuscripts. It also helps the legal academy to articulate to other disciplines what <i>legal</i> scholarship can add to knowledge. And it helps us all in that very real life situation when someone asks what your current job is!</p>

There is one piece of optional preparation.

## 'KEEPING IT REAL'

*WHAT IS IT ABOUT AND WHO WILL BE JOINING THE SESSION?*

*Moderated by [Prof. Tamara Hervey](#)*

Ever wonder what a career in European health law actually looks like behind the polished LinkedIn profiles? Join us for "**Keeping it Real**", the last session of the program dedicated to the human/professional interface in a career path in this field. We've brought together a candid panel of scholars, from post-docs to senior professors, who are ready to pull back the curtain. No gatekeeping, no jargon: just honest talk and reflection in response to your questions, about the highs, the hurdles, and the life lessons learned along the way.

Ask anything: no question is too small or too 'unprofessional'. Submit your questions anonymously via [this Google Form](#) and get the answers no one usually puts in a textbook, or even says out loud, at the workshop.

## THE PANELISTS

### Magdalena Flatscher-Thöni (mid-career)

Dr. Magdalena Flatscher-Thöni is Associate Professor of Health Law at the UMIT TIROL – Private University for Health Sciences and Health Technology in Austria.

She is head of the Program for Health Policy, Administration, Economics and Law at the Institute for Public Health, Medical Decision Making and HTA.

Magdalena researches the intersection of law and public health, focusing on reproductive medicine, the (legal) evaluation of human life, as well as interdisciplinary aspects of health care research and ethics. From a methodological perspective, her research combines doctrinal legal research with approaches of empirical legal studies.

### Mette Hartlev (senior)

Mette Hartlev is a Professor of Health Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.

Her research interests focus on patients' and research participants' rights, health and human rights, and furthermore on new health technologies such as gene technology, data protection law, biobank regulation and welfare law.

Professor Hartlev has a prolific publishing record comprising over 200 research outputs. Her extensive record – including 90 book chapters and 45 journal articles – reflects her leadership in biolaw, the regulation of biotechnology, and the ethical aspects of health data and her commitment to translating public health law and human rights into the public sphere.

She serves as one of the Editors of the *European Journal of Health Law* and she is a current member of the EAHL Audit Committee, confirming her role as a central figure within the Association, contributing to both its organisational oversight and its primary scholarly output.

Her research is inspired – substantially and methodologically – by interdisciplinary collaboration, and she is currently also the chair of the Danish National Committee on Health Research Ethics.

## Pramiti Parwani (postdoc)

Pramiti Parwani is an Assistant Professor at Warwick Law School. Prior to joining the University of Warwick, she completed her PhD *cum laude* at the University of Amsterdam (2025). Her doctoral research examined global equitable access to vaccines, advancing an innovative normative framework of “states’ capabilities” to analyse how the European Union and India, through transnational legal and regulatory regimes, impact the effective opportunities of LDCs (specifically Senegal, Uganda, and Bangladesh) to access pandemic vaccines for their people.

Her research interests are broadly in global health law and international trade law, informed by decolonial and Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL).

She is committed to translating academic research into meaningful policy impact and has consulted for health non-profit organisations including Health Action International and the Pharmaceutical Accountability Foundation.

## Kaat Van Delm (postdoc)

Kaat Van Delm is a postdoctoral researcher in EU health law at the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (Munich, Germany).

She wrote her PhD at the KU Leuven Centre for Public Law on the suitability of the EU legal framework for the use of Real World Data (big data) for market access of medicinal products.

Before she started her academic career, Kaat qualified as a lawyer at the Brussels bar. She worked in two international law firms, advising companies on matters related to data protection, IT and IP law, as well as at the European Commission as a Blue Book Trainee.