

Webinar presented by the UIA

UIA Virtual Winter Seminar 2022

LEGAL DYNAMITE - THE PUBLIC HEALTH vs FREEDOM DEBATE

Tuesday, March 22, 2022
from 2:30 PM CET to 4:00 PM CET (Paris time)

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INTRODUCTION & GENERAL INFORMATION

The **UIA 16th Winter Seminar** will be hosted as webinar and, thus, is different from the usual set-up. But the unique spirit of the seminar shall be kept alive in this virtual format. **Part of the magic of the UIA Winter Seminar** is its informal and dynamic nature. As usual, we will have short presentations, followed by a discussion and Q&A, in which other delegates can share experiences from their own practices, keeping everyone entertained and involved.

At the 16th Winter Seminar, the aim is again to bring together delegates from various UIA Commissions, lawyers and other legal professionals, practicing in different areas and coming from all over the world, thereby facilitating and fostering an interdisciplinary and transnational exchange with a fruitful discussion.

Do not miss this opportunity to meet virtually with your colleagues. Mark your diaries now, save the date and make sure to register! We look forward to meeting you online!

HOW TO REGISTER

→ Register online at www.uianet.org

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- **UIA MEMBER** € 40*
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The working language will be **English**.

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Welcome and Opening of the Webinar

- **Hervé CHEMOULI**, *UIA President, 2C Avocats, Paris, France*
- **Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA**, *Uryu & Itoga, Tokyo, Japan*

PART 1 – PUBLIC HEALTH vs FREEDOM

Nothing has and is affecting us more than the COVID-19 pandemic. Nothing appears to be more emotional and divisive, even among close friends and families, as the discussion around public health restrictions imposed to protect hundreds of thousands of lives and the health of several millions. The questions of life, death, public health and freedom have never been more complex. Whether the wearing of masks should be mandatory, whether lockdowns are justified, whether vaccinations are required, all of these questions have become political, and the subject of lengthy debate. Restrictions justified on the grounds of the protection of public health have affected one of our most sacred values, the value of individual freedom. Thousands have taken to the streets to demonstrate against restrictions and for the protection of freedom. And what about the legal arguments?

Individual freedom and the integrity of the body are legally protected in many constitutions in the world. For some, interference with freedom and the integrity of the body can never be justified. For others, the protection of public health is one of the central duties of government. This webinar will seek to unravel the tense debate between Public Health and Freedom. Four speakers from Japan, Sweden, France and the USA will share their passion and expertise on the subject, before a wider discussion with the participants of the Webinar.

Needless to say that we are truly sorry not to meet in person this year, at our traditional Winter Seminar. However, our Winter Seminar will go ahead in St. Anton in 2023. In the meantime, the Organizing Committee hopes that the virtual webinar will be an opportunity for all the friends of the UIA Winter Seminars and those soon to become friends to meet virtually and have lively exchange of views.

Moderator

- **Maria CRONIN**, *Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, London, UK*

Speakers

- **Véronique MOISSINAC MASSENET**, *Lawyer at the Paris Bar Association, Paris, France*
- **Shigeki TAKAHASHI**, *Hamani-Takahashi Law Offices, Tokyo, Japan*
- **Winfried F. SCHMITZ**, *SCHMITZ Law Offices, New York, NY, USA*
- **Lars PERHARD**, *CERTA Advokatbyrå, Stockholm, Sweden*

PART 2 - SOCIAL GATHERING – DISCUSSION ROUNDS IN SMALLER GROUPS

For the social gathering and exchange among the participants, we will hold three virtual discussion rounds in smaller groups in virtual break out rooms. Like at the Winter Seminar, this part shall allow for professional networking and inspiring conversations among UIA colleagues and friends.

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Franz SCHUBIGER**, *Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd, Zurich, Switzerland*

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