

Governing Health Technologies

Master Class with Dr Mark Flear

School of Law, Queen's University Belfast

When November 21, 2019, 10.00-13.00
Where University of Vienna, **Department of Political Science, Conference Room** (Neues Institutsgebäude, Universitätsstr. 7, 2nd floor, Trakt A)ⁱ

In November, Dr Mark Flear is going to visit the **Centre for the Study of Contemporary Solidarity**. On November 20, Mark will give an invited lecture in the lecture series of the Department of Political Science.ⁱⁱ In addition, we also organize a **Master Class for doctoral students and early career researchers**. The idea of the class is to enable early career researchers to discuss their work and ideas with Mark and to provide a space that allows them to enter into conversation with one another. Doctoral students and early career researchers from all departments and disciplines are welcome (including law, political science, science and technology studies, and others!)

If you are interested in presenting and discussing your work, please send a short message to Ingrid Metzler (ingrid.metzler @ univie.ac.at) by **October 5, 2019**. It would be helpful if you could describe the project, dissertation or paper that you wish to discuss in a couple of sentences. Moreover, we will ask you to send an extended abstract of approximately 1000-1500 words by November 17. These abstracts will be shared among all participants of the Master Class.

Dr Mark Flear is Reader/Associate Professor in Law at Queen's University Belfast. Dr Flear's work explores the interactions between European law, science and technology, with a focus on public health and new health technologies. Dr Flear has a special interest in citizen participation in science-based issues and using it to tease out the normative implications of the scientific and technical. Dr Flear contributes widely to all these areas, including through his monograph

Governing Public Health (Hart Publishing 2015 pb; 2018 hb). This book provided the first examination of the EU as a biopolitical actor and reframed public health as a matter for citizen participation. Dr Flear is also the lead editor of and a key contributor to the pioneering *European Law and New Health Technologies* (OUP 2013). Through the latter Dr Flear identified the field and mapped out its broad contours. Dr Flear publishes in other leading collections on European law, and in journals such as the *Medical Law Review* and the *Human Rights Law Review*. Dr Flear is currently finalising the manuscript for a special issue of the *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*, which he is co-editing with Professor Richard Ashcroft. Dr Flear is also working with scholars from across Europe, Asia and Australia on a white paper on applying adaptive governance to health technologies.

Dr Flear has been a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge and the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussels. He has provided his expert view to the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies, and has given invited lectures on a number of topics within his research areas, including at the Mason Institute, University of Edinburgh. Mark also has a regulatory role as an independent Member of the Northern Ireland DNA Database Governance Board.



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The Masterclass is organized by the **Centre for the Study of Contemporary Solidarity** (CeSCos), the **Department of Political Science**, the **Department of Science and Technology Studies**, and the **Research Focus Knowledge Societies in Turbulent Times**.

ⁱ Please follow this link for orientation: <https://politikwissenschaft.univie.ac.at/ueber-uns/orientierung/>

ⁱⁱ The title of the lecture is 'Constructing Failure: A Tool for Participation by the Subjects of Health Research?' Beginning at 17.30, the lecture will take place in the Conference Room of the Political Science Department.