

Call for Paper (internal circulation)

EFFECTIVE LAW, MULTILEVEL GOVERNMENT AND THE PANDEMIC TEST.

Constitutional democracies have been challenged by the current pandemic which - during these months - has made manifest that **regulation and regulatory enforcement** are at the heart of the **response to Covid-19**; that rules must be effective in order to ensure **prevention and protection from risks**; and that regulation is the way **to balance different public interests such as health, economic freedoms and fundamental rights**.

In European countries and elsewhere not everything has perfectly worked as planned and/or hoped.

Criticisms have been connected to **public health care systems**, not designed and adequately resourced to face a large-scale epidemic. Tensions have sometimes characterized **the relationships between Parliaments and Governments** (and consequently, **legislation**); other disfunctionments have affected **multi-level decision-making**. In this last regard, **State and subnational actors** (such as *Länder, Régions, comunidades autonomas* as well as local authorities and municipalities) have sometimes expressed a “fragmented chain of command” and developed a dialogue characterised by tensions; the same applies to **relationships between member States and the EU**. Recent surveys have revealed **high fluidity of trust** in national and European institutions, in local governments, in **experts** and the private sectors and between regulators at different level of government, with serious consequences in terms of expected compliance and **regulatory effectiveness**.

Contributions devoted to the Ius Publicum special issue should focus on these public law topics by analyzing in specific contexts what has worked and what has not worked in the regulatory and institutional response to the pandemic, with the purpose of highlighting good practices and possibly suggesting institutional arrangements or reforms which may improve effectiveness of constitutional democracies' performance in time of tragic political and social choices.

Contributions - no longer than 80.000 characters, including spaces.

Proposals can be submitted **sending an e-mail** to coordination.iuspublicum@gmail.com

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