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About this Publication:

Property and Pandemics: Property Law Responses to Covid-19 is an edited collection of research essays. It stems from a research project under the auspices of the South African Research Chair in Property Law that was conceptualised early in 2020 when the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic were first becoming evident globally.

This collection offers critical perspectives on the role that property law rules and principles played in the responses of different states to the pandemic. The contributions challenge readers to think about how property law can or should respond to drastically changing circumstances.

The research is centred around four themes that intend to highlight the role that property law has played in governmental responses to the pandemic. The role of the home takes centre stage in considering how the instruction to 'shelter in place' carried with it a host of assumptions about the accessibility, availability and habitability of housing. Secondly, the constitutionality of regulations that affect the so-called 'normal' use and enjoyment of property is considered. Thirdly, spatial implications of the pandemic are set out, to consider how rural residents stand to be affected in specific and diverse ways. Finally, from a theoretical perspective, scholars consider systemic views of how property law fits into larger conversations about human flourishing, public health and resilience to disasters.

Property and Pandemics: Property Law Responses to Covid-19 will be of interest to property law scholars, lawyers, activists and policy makers who are interested in engaging with the socioeconomic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic from the perspective of developments in property law

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