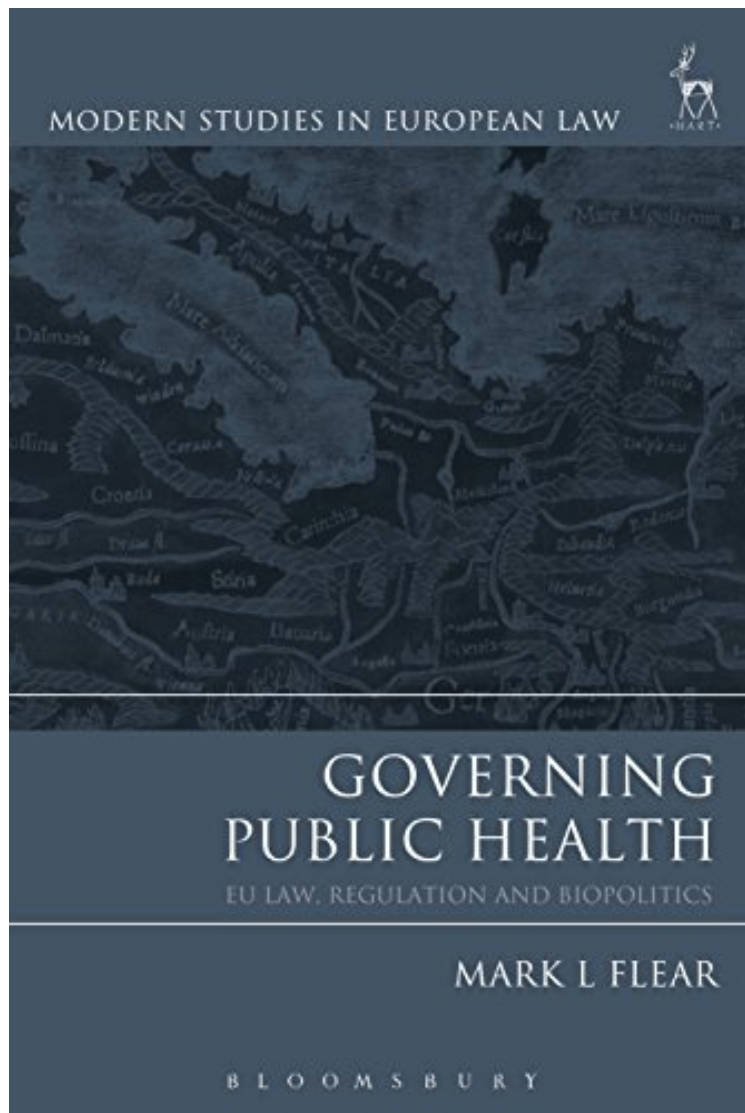


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This book contributes towards European Union studies and the growing discourse on law and public health. It uses the EU's governance of public health as a lens through which to explore questions of legal competence and its development through policy and concrete techniques, processes and practices, risk and security, human rights and bioethics, accountability and legitimacy, democracy and citizenship, and the nature, essence, and 'future trajectory' of the European integration project. These issues are explored first by situating the EU's public health strategy within the overarching architecture of governance and, subsequently, by examining its operationalization in relation to the key public health problems of cancer, HIV/AIDS, and pandemic planning. The book argues that the centrality and valorization of scientific and technical knowledge and expertise in the EU's risk-based governance means that citizen participation in decision making is largely marginalized and underdeveloped, and that this must change if public health and the quality, accountability, and legitimacy of EU governance and its regulation are to be improved. The book goes on to argue that the legitimating discourses of ethics and human rights, and the developing notion of EU (supra-)stewardship responsibility, can help to highlight the normative dimensions of governance and its interventions in public health. These discourses and dimensions provide openings and possibilities for citizens to power 'technologies of participation' and contribute important supplementary knowledge to decision making. (Series: Modern Studies in European Law) [Subject: European Law, Medical Law, Ethics]

Governing Public Health defies disciplinary boundaries; it brings together insights from sociology, political science, law and critical legal studies in order to uncover the complex regulation of public health in the European Union. It is a timely book which will appeal to scholars of the European Union in many disciplines. It provides an indispensable roadmap to the links between law, (bio)politics and citizen engagement in the regulation of public health. * From the foreword by Professor Dora Kostakopoulou, School of Law, University of Warwick, 2015 * Governing Public Health stands on its own, as it masterfully blends together law, politics, sociology and numerous other disciplines to come up with a picture of the EU as an agent of biopolitics, which is as plausible as it is potentially disturbing. The book is an attack on the distortions and pitfalls of the dominant risk-based model of public health governance, representing the first --- long overdue! --- biopolitical analysis of EU law. Flear's crusade is to overturn our accepted vision of managing public health by arguing that the governed have the capacity to contribute important supplementary knowledge on the distortion and pitfalls in order to improve governance. This book deserves all respect and admiration. * Professor Dimitry Kochenov, University of Groningen * This book focusses on participation as a possible mediator of the relationship between law, on the one hand, and science and technology on the other. It argues that the tension between the democratic and technocratic aspects of regulation could, perhaps, be reduced by the use of participatory processes. That argument has a wider resonance than the public health field on which the book concentrates. EU scholars in the diverse fields where expertise and preferences circle each other nervously will want to study and apply the book's central ideas, and will find that they are clearly and attractively presented, and gain authority from the range of theory on which he relies. * Professor Gareth Davies, VU University Amsterdam * Flear...has written a very fine...book in Governing Public Health.... [It] is a thoroughly well-researched and interdisciplinary book that produces insightful and positive prescriptions for improving governance and the relationship between the state/supranational union and its citizens. Flear is clearly passionate about increasing the substantive involvement of 'the governed' in governing so that their needs, however so defined, are better met and respected...Governing Public Health merits reading and deep deliberation by all scholars interested in law and public health (including outside the EU) and the vital roles of the citizen in modern governance and democracy. -- Edward S. Dove * SCRIPTed * This is an interdisciplinary book which may appeal to scholars of a variety of disciplines. It provides a guide to find a link between law, politics and citizen engagement in public health regulation. (Translated from the original Italian) * Rivista Trimestrale del diritto pubblico * There is much in this book which will be of significant interest to those who seek to develop an understanding of the engagement of EU law with public health.... [This] book is likely to serve as a stimulus for future research...on the relation between 'the governed' and the governance of public health by the EU. Understood in those terms, this is a scholarly and highly valuable analysis that provides much food for thought about the nature and limitations of governance in late modernity, and as such it is likely to find an appreciative readership both within EU studies and well beyond. -- Prof Keith Syrett, Cardiff Law School * Yearbook of European Law * About the Author Mark L Flear is a Lecturer in Law at Queen's University, Belfast.