Health Rights as Legal Rights

In this presentation Professor Richard Grimes will look at the extent to which the law can be used as a constructive tool in improving the health of individuals and that of the wider community. Using practical examples, based on the activities of law schools in the UK and further afield, Professor Grimes describes a model of teaching and learning which, he demonstrates, has significant potential in terms of raising awareness of, and providing the means by which, health care and the law can be better promoted and understood.

Mr Burci will discuss the complex interactions between health and many areas of international law and how the particular features of contemporary public health and of global health governance are actually shaping the production of new international norms. Mr Burci will reflect on the difficulties in identifying a body of “international health law” and propose some possible steps to give more prominence to the protection of health in contemporary international law.

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