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Emergencies in Public Law: The Legal Politics of Containment

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Book presentation chaired by **Prof. Dr. Stefan Oeter**

Prof. Dr. Hans-Heinrich Trute, **Prof. Dr. Susanne Krasmann** (Sociology) and
PD Dr. Matthias Lemke (Political Science, Helmut-Schmidt-University) will serve as commentators

Debates about emergency powers traditionally focus on whether law can or should constrain officials in emergencies. Emergencies in Public Law move beyond this narrow lens, focusing instead **on how law structures the response to emergencies** and what kind of legal and political dynamics this relation gives rise to. Drawing on empirical studies from a variety of emergencies, institutional actors, and jurisdictional scales (**terrorist threats, natural disasters, economic crises, and more**), the book discussion provides a framework for understanding emergencies as long-term processes rather than ad hoc events, and as opportunities for legal and institutional productivity rather than occasions for the suspension of law and the centralization of response powers.

About the Speaker

Dr. Karin Loevy is a research scholar with the Institute of International Law and Justice at New York University School of Law where she also manages the JSD Program. Her work on the law and politics of emergencies has been published in such journals as the *Asian Journal of International Law*, *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, and the *Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems*. Previously, she worked as a litigator with a leading Israeli public law firm.