

## Intensive Care Medicine during the COVID-19 Pandemic Experiences and Lessons from Italy, France and Israel

Live Discussion online

Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation e.V., Berlin

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7 pm – 8.35 pm

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The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has challenged intensive care resources worldwide. In some countries, demand outstripped intensive care capacity and prioritisation and rationing decisions led to substantial distress among medical and nursing staff, relatives and caregivers as well as political decision-makers. Moreover, many legal aspects of new guidelines and protocols for these decisions remain untested in court.

Across the world, these challenges played out in distinctly different ways. Leading experts in intensive care medicine from three countries which were severely affected by the pandemic (France, Israel, Italy) will provide insight into the situation in their respective countries and talk about the integrative management of medical resources during the pandemic. This includes the allocation of scarce equipment for life support.

Their reports and the discussion will touch on themes like guiding principles for prioritisation in intensive care, ethical and legal conflicts, staffing problems as well as communication and interaction with major stakeholders during the crisis. What lessons for the future can be learnt from the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic so far?

We look forward to having you join our online discussion.

7.00 pm

### Introduction

**Dr. Katja Gelinsky**

Legal Advisor, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation e.V., Berlin

### Opening Remarks

**Professor Dr. Helge Braun**

Head of the Federal Chancellery and Federal Minister for  
Special Tasks

**Professor Dr. med. Christiane Hartog**

Department of Anesthesia and Intensive Care, Charité Berlin  
Chairperson of the Ethics Section of the European Society of  
Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)

# Program

## Analysis and Consulting



7.15 pm

### Reports from Milan, Jerusalem und Paris

#### Professor Maurizio Cecconi

President of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)

Head of the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department at the Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy

#### Professor Peter Vernon van Heerden

Director of General Intensive Care Department of Anesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine, Hadassah Medical Center and Faculty of Medicine, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

#### Professor Bertrand Guidet

Director of Medical Intensive Care, University Hospital Saint Antoine, Paris, France

7.50 pm

### Panel Discussion

Featuring

#### Rudolf Henke

Specialist in Internal Medicine, Member of the German Bundestag and its Committee on Health and the Subcommittee on Global Health

and

#### Dr. med. Peter Liese

Member of the European Parliament and Health Spokesperson of the Christian Democrats in the European Parliament

### Moderators

Professor Dr. Dr. Michael Beil, Intensive Care, Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel, and Dr. Katja Gelinsky

8.25 pm

### Summarizing Analysis

#### Professor Dr. Claudia Wiesemann

Medical Ethicist, Medical Historian and Head of the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine at Goettingen University, Germany

8.35 pm

### End of the Event