



'Fear can cause blindness' José Saramago, Blindness

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LEARNING & TRAINING

For one day in February 2019, I became a member of a “rescue-team” in the «[Belfast on the Brink](#)» event organised by the Medical Biology Centre, Queen’s University Belfast (NI Science Festival). Being part of a ‘multidisciplinary team of Scientists, Researchers, Medics and Communications Specialists’, I learned how to assess risk, identify contagion, treat infected victims, develop a cure and design a public health campaign to prevent the spread of further infection.



DEAR READERS,

THEMIS kicked off on 1 September 2018 at the Health and Human Rights Unit in the School of Law, Queen’s University Belfast. My name is Patrycja Dąbrowska-Kłosińska and I am THEMIS’ Principal Investigator. Since the first day, I have been very busy researching, working on outputs & impact, as well as training & learning, and managing the project. THEMIS’ days have been packed with activities! All this implements the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions objectives: bridging audiences from diverse disciplines & sectors and international mobility! Key events are highlighted here. Enjoy exploring! ☺

RESEARCH

In November 2018, I presented and discussed THEMIS’ research, including background, key objectives, methodology and conceptual framework during a presentation at the School of Law Research Afternoon (slides available on the project website). Questions and comments from the audience were helpful and greatly appreciated!

DIALOGUE & KNOWLEDGE-TRANSFER

I took part in fascinating conversations on public health protection measures and the role of rights and judicial review with policy stakeholders during meetings in Belfast at the Public Health Agency, NI and Department of Health, NI, as well as with members of the public at an open meeting for parents of toddlers in Warsaw. I have been learning about epidemiological concepts and the specifics of diverse infectious diseases.

IMPACT

THEMIS’ first peer-reviewed article was published in Polish in a leading legal journal in Poland *Państwo i Prawo [The State and Law]* ‘Challenges for the Rule of Law and Quarantine Ethics: An Analysis of the Actions of US Authorities to Protect Public Health (a case-study)’. [\[A Polish version of the text is available here\]](#).

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