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**HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE FRONTLINE? MAPPING THE HARMS TO
CAREGIVERS DURING GLOBAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES**

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This presentation focuses on the ‘recognition’ of care-workers within global health crises. Global health crises often occur in parts of the world that have weak health infrastructure and a lack of human resources. When emergencies occur, the issue of who provides care is often ignored because very often global health crises are securitised which leads to narratives of ‘front-line workers’, who are often narrowly determined. As part of a wider socio-legal project on global health crises, this paper develops a case study of the Ebola crisis both in the West Africa in 2014 and the current on-going crisis in the DRC in order to map which care-givers we should conceive of as being on the front-line, what role gender plays in exacerbating the harm they face during and after the health crisis and how the concept of ‘protection’ which is widely used within humanitarian crises could enable us to better understand our global and domestic responsibilities towards them? The paper analyses four categories of care workers who have been active in global health emergencies: health workers from international humanitarian organisations, medical professionals at the domestic level area, volunteers such as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) staff or burial teams who bury bodies, and family members who assume unpaid caring responsibilities both during and after the crisis.