



Human Rights and Tobacco Control

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Large-scale adverse health and developmental outcomes related to tobacco affect millions of people across the world, raising serious questions from a human rights perspective. In response to this crisis, this timely book provides a comprehensive analysis of the promotion and enforcement of human rights protection in tobacco control law and policy at international, regional, and domestic levels.

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'Marie Elske Gispen and Brigit Toebes have written a book of worldwide importance and impact. Tobacco is still the leading preventable cause of death globally. Big Tobacco poses a major threat to the right to health. Using a human rights lens, Gispen and Toebes powerfully show how human flourishing demands bold action on tobacco control. The authors are thought leaders globally on health and human rights. Their book is both a superb work of scholarship and a call to action for public health and human rights scholars and advocates everywhere.'

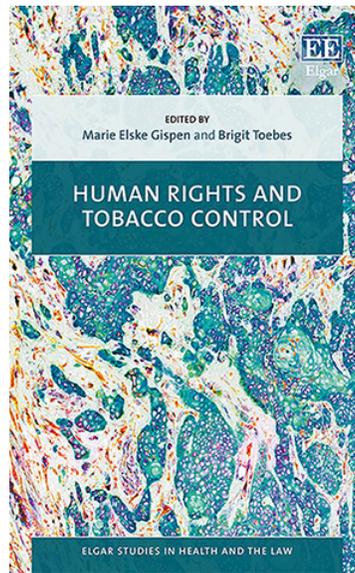
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'Human rights law, at international, regional and national levels, offers important concepts and processes for strengthening tobacco control. Understanding this, the tobacco industry has also sought to co-opt human rights laws and concepts to serve its economic interests. The importance of human rights law to tobacco control is not well understood, which is why this book – convening the leading experts in this emerging field – is such a welcome and important contribution.'

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'A well conceptualized and comprehensive volume on a key issue of our time. Varied in their approach to the topic, the pieces brought together here move from the global to the regional to the national, highlighting the interplay between legal systems, and show how human rights-based approaches to tobacco can support specific measures and actions. Illustrating not only how tobacco can be understood as a human rights concern but where human rights arguments fall short, this book shows how critical attention to ethical, normative and legal arguments may move us forward not only in rhetorical but actionable ways.'

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