

# Global Legislative Responses to Coronavirus: Switzerland

Felix Uhlmann

Bingham Center for the Rule of Law  
Journal Theory and Practice of Legislation

Webinar

June 30, 2020



# I. Emergency Legislation (Constitution)



# I. Emergency Legislation (Constitution)

101

*English is not an official language of the Swiss Confederation. This translation is provided for information purposes only and has no legal force.*

## **Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation**

of 18 April 1999 (Status as of 1 January 2020)

---

### **Art. 185** External and internal security

<sup>1</sup> The Federal Council takes measures to safeguard external security, independence and neutrality of Switzerland.

<sup>2</sup> It takes measures to safeguard internal security.

<sup>3</sup> It may in direct application of this Article issue ordinances and rulings in order to counter existing or imminent threats of serious disruption to public order or internal or external security. Such ordinances must be limited in duration.

## II. The Need for the Parliament

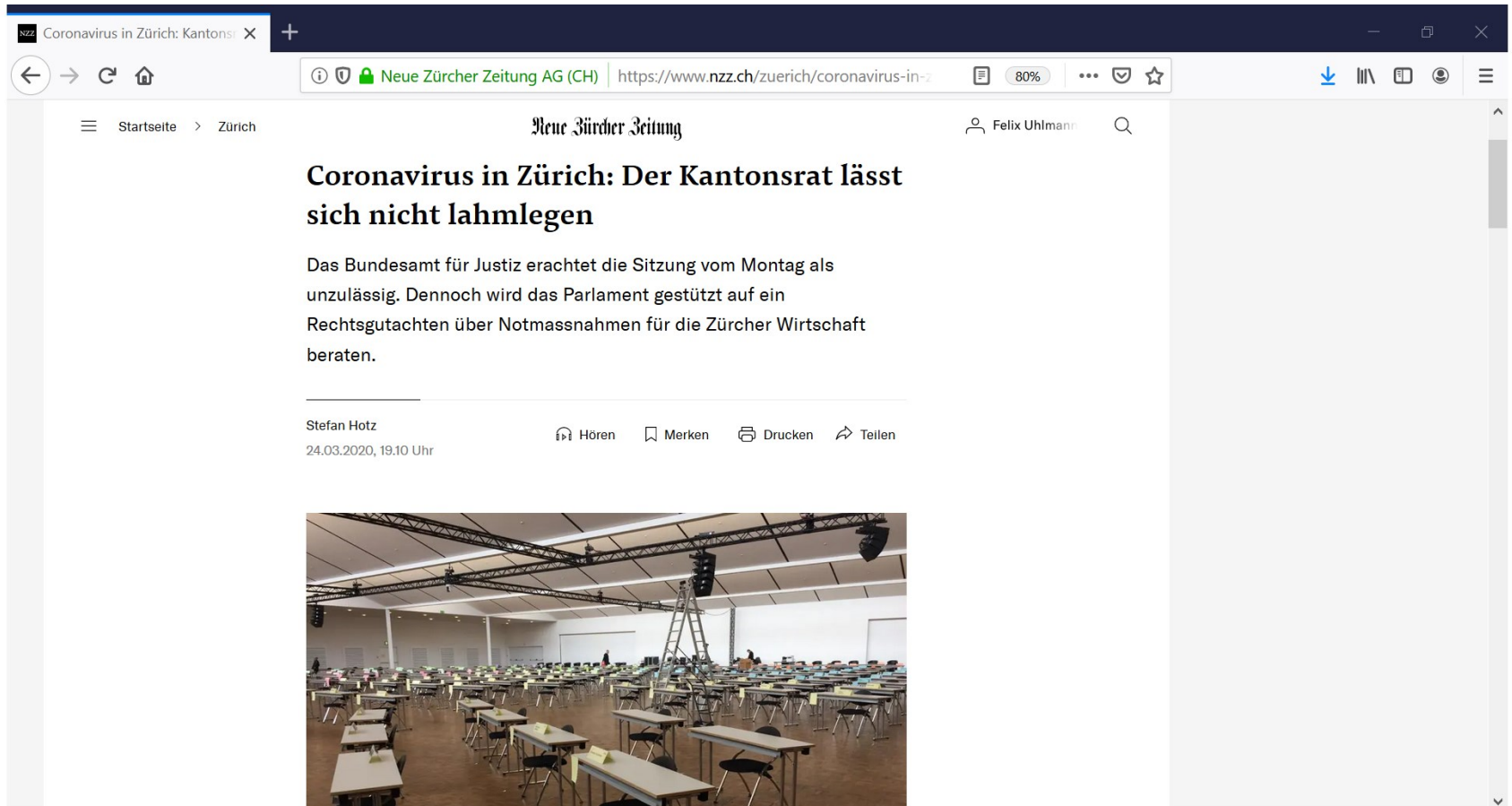


## II. The Need for the Parliament



**Approval, Oversight, Emergency  
Legislation in its own Right**

# III. Right to Convene



Coronavirus in Zürich: Kantonsrat

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

## Coronavirus in Zürich: Der Kantonsrat lässt sich nicht lahmlegen

Das Bundesamt für Justiz erachtet die Sitzung vom Montag als unzulässig. Dennoch wird das Parlament gestützt auf ein Rechtsgutachten über Notmassnahmen für die Zürcher Wirtschaft beraten.

Stefan Hotz  
24.03.2020, 19.10 Uhr

Hören Merken Drucken Teilen

# IV. Limited Composition or Video Conferences?

