



18th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law

Interest Group on Peace and Security Pre-conference Workshop Call for Papers

30 August 2023 16:00-19:00, Aix-en-Provence, France

Fairness and international peace and security

The 18th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law will convene in Aix-en-Provence in France from Thursday 31 August to Saturday 2 September 2023. The main conference will be preceded by various workshops organised by the Society's Interest Groups on 30 and 31 August 2023. The theme of this year's conference is 'Is International Law Fair?'. The pre-conference workshop of the Society's Interest Group on Peace and Security is scheduled to run on 30 August from 4pm-7pm. The workshop will take place in person.

Fairness is not an unidimensional concept. The same word may have different meanings or scopes depending on what region of the world we are in. Fairness can serve to elucidate important issues pertaining to the universality of legal concepts as well as to the evolution of international law and international society. The theme of the 18th Annual Conference, Is International Law Fair?, also raises questions as to the values inherent in international peace and security law. Are the norms that constitute international law always inspired by ideas of justice and equity? How does one define justice, fairness and equity? Who has the legitimacy to assess international peace and security law's fairness? And according to which criteria? Is the fairness of international peace and security law to be gauged based on its objectives, its contents, its consequences or the legal process? Should it be fair? Can it even be?

We invite papers which address the above themes and questions, and welcome those which focus particularly on:

1. The impacts of international peace and security law at the global, regional, national, local and individual level.
2. Evolutions in the concepts, norms, institutions and role of key actors in international peace and security law.
3. Lessons that can be learned from past and current international crises, including the war in Ukraine.
4. Theoretical reflections on fairness, equity and justice in/of international peace and security law and scholarship.

Application Process

Please submit an abstract in PDF (in English) of no more than 500 words by **23 April 2023** to all of the IGPS Convenors:

- Saeed Bagheri: saeed.bagheri[at]reading.ac.uk
- Patryk Labuda: patryk.labuda[at]graduateinstitute.ch
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Please title your document as follows for ease of reference: [Surname_abstract title]

The following information must be provided with each abstract, in the same document:

- Author's name and affiliation;
- Author's brief CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- Author's contact details, including email address;
- Whether you wish to be considered for the ESIL Young Scholar's Prize, and if so, confirming that you meet the eligibility conditions as stated on ESIL's website.

Only one abstract per author will be considered.

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than 28 April 2023. Depending on the number and quality of abstracts, up to 6 abstracts may be selected. Full papers should be submitted by 1 August 2023 (or 29 June, for those who wish to be considered for the Young Scholar's Prize). Selected papers may be published in an edited collection or a special edition of a journal after the workshop.

Evaluation criteria

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: 1) their alignment with the objectives of the event; 2) the overall coherence of the panel, and 3) the general criteria according to the ESIL Conference Call for Papers.

Please note the Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Selected speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Some ESIL travel grants and ESIL carers' grants will be available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding.

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the conference.

All participants at ESIL Interest Group workshops are required to register for the Annual Conference. There will be an option to register just to attend the IG workshops; however, all participants are warmly invited to attend the entire event.

Selected speakers should indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Young Scholar Prize, if they meet the eligibility conditions as stated on the ESIL website. The ESIL Secretariat must be informed of all selected speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize before 30 April.

More information the ESIL conference is available here: <https://www.esilaix2023.fr/>

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