

## Annual Report 2017

### Interest Group on Peace and Security

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The Interest Group on Peace and Security (IGPS) is one of the largest ESIL groups with around 444 members. As in previous years, the group put together an Agora on 'Solidarity and the promotion of peace and security' for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual ESIL Conference in Naples. Following a call for papers, the convenors received 24 good quality proposals. They selected 4 papers. The Agora proposal was selected by the ESIL Board and introduced in the main ESIL Conference. The panel was chaired by Paulina Starski (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and Comparative Law, Heidelberg) and speakers were Anne Lagerwall (Universite libre de Bruxelles) "La condamnation des violations graves du *jus contra bellum* et de leurs consequences comme forme privilegiee d'une solidarite destinee a garantir la securite internationale?"; Aristotelis Constantinides (University of Cyprus) "International solidarity in the implementation of peace agreements: the role of guarantor states"; Vassilis Pergantis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) "Solidarity, but with nothing to offer? The role of the UN in regional peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations in Africa' and Themistoklis Tzimas (PhD in Public International Law and Political Science, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) "Solidarity from whom and to whom, in cases of intervention under invitation: the Saudi- led intervention in Yemen". The panel was followed by an illuminating Q & A session and debate.



The plans of the IGPS for the coming year are, first of all, to create its own new website. It shall serve as a convenient information and communication platform for its members. Furthermore, the IGPS will organise a conference on the governance of cybersecurity which will take place in June 2018. More information about this event will be available soon.