



# European Society of International Law Interest Group on *International Organisations*

Annual Report

2017-2018

This is the second year of operation for the Interest Group on International Organisations (IG-IO), which continues to attract new members and diversify its activities. Its Organising Committee is formed by Catherine Brölmann, Richard Collins and Sufyan El Droubi. As at August 2018, the interest group has over 355 ESIL members.

The IG-IO has continued to enhance its web and social media presence, with a new [website](#) launched in 2018, offering a platform for promoting interest group activities, publicising events and sharing blog posts and papers. We also have a growing number of followers on our [Twitter](#) platform.

Undoubtedly, one of the most significant achievements of the past twelve months has been our further collaboration with the Interest Group on the EU as a Global Actor in compiling and editing a special edition of the *International Organizations Law Review* including papers first presented at our joint interest group session on the topic of “Exiting Institutions”, which was held on 6 September 2017 at the 2017 ESIL Annual Conference in Naples. The edition is due to be published in volume 15(2) of the *International Organizations Law Review* (2018) and, in addition to our editorial, will include contributions from Jed Odermatt (University of Copenhagen), Siri Silvereke (University of Luxembourg), William Worster (Hague University of Applied Sciences), Juan-Pablo Perez-Leon-Acevedo (University of Oslo), Frederick Cowell (Birkbeck, University of London) and Nicolas Kang-Riou and David Rossati (both Salford University).

The IG-IO was also particularly active at this year’s ESIL Annual Conference, held in Manchester, 13-15 September. First, we organised and hosted an interest group event entitled ‘Case Studies on International Organisations and Universality’, which was very well attended and included paper

presentations from Dimitri van den Meerssche, Arnaud Louwette and Gail Lythgoe, as well as discussion from Nicholas Kang-Riou and David Rossati. In addition, the event allowed the convenors to update members on interest group activity over the past year. Second, the IG-IO also hosted an Agora session on the topic of ‘International Organisations and the Dream of Universality’, chaired by Catherine Brölmann and including presentations from Nigel White (Nottingham), Guy Fiti Sinclair (Victoria University of Wellington), Scarlett McArdle (Lincoln) and Lorenzo Gasbarri (UCL). The convenors have invited participants in both events to submit drafts of papers to be included in the website as well as encouraging submission to the main ESIL SSRN Series. Overall, the 2018 Annual Meeting provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the activities of the interest group and to provide useful publicity to grow membership.

Moving forward, the IG-IO convenors will continue to grow our web presence and encourage submissions of content for the website and IG-IO Blog in particular. We are also now in the process of planning IG-IO activity at the forthcoming ESIL Research Forum to be held in Göttingen in April 2019, at which we will continue our efforts to promote the activities of the Group as well as encourage new members.