



International Economic Law in the Age of Permacrisis Call for Papers

Abstract submission deadline: 23 February 2025 (23:59 CET)

The ESIL IEL IG Workshop will take place on 18 March 2025 online as a side-event to the 2025 Research Forum to be hosted by the University of Catania.

The event will take place as an online event. Further details will follow in due course. The call is aimed at early-career scholars (i.e. those who have not yet earned a permanent position as Associate Professor). The ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law invites submissions for a workshop on International Economic Law in the Age of Permacrisis. This workshop will explore how international economic law responds to crises and how adjudicators navigate the complex interplay between state sovereignty, economic stability, and legal certainty in times of emergency.

From pandemics and financial crises to armed conflicts and climate disasters, international economic law operates in a world of recurring and overlapping disruptions. These crises test the resilience of legal frameworks governing trade, investment, and finance, raising pressing questions about the role of adjudicators, regulatory autonomy, and emergency measures. How do international courts and tribunals adapt their standards of review to assess state responses to crises? To what extent do necessity defenses and exceptions allow for regulatory flexibility without undermining legal predictability? And how do adjudicators balance short-term emergency measures with long-term economic governance and stability?

This workshop will bring together scholars and researchers to critically assess how international economic law accommodates, constrains, or evolves in response to contemporary crises. We invite contributions that examine the legal, institutional, and policy dimensions of adjudication in times of economic and geopolitical turmoil.

Topics of Interest

We welcome papers addressing, but not limited to, the following topics of interest:

1. The role of adjudicators in reviewing emergency economic measures
2. Standards of review in trade, investment, and financial law during crises
3. The evolving role of necessity and force majeure in international economic law
4. Legal resilience and the adaptability of international economic agreements
5. Crisis governance and economic sovereignty in a fragmented legal landscape
6. The impact of geopolitical crises on dispute settlement mechanisms

Submission procedure

Abstracts may be submitted in English or French per the timeline set out below. Submissions must not exceed 400 words, and **have to be submitted via this form:**

<https://forms.gle/bT7GXkAinVs8oQvAA>

In addition to the abstract, you will have to provide information on:

- The author's name and affiliation;
- A short biographical note of maximum 300 words;
- The author's contact details, including email address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an ESIL member and the date of affiliation;
- Whether the author is an early-career scholar (i.e. has not yet earned a permanent position as Associate Professor).

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 23:59 CET on 23 February 2025. We expect to be able to inform successful applicants by 28 February 2025.

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the 2025 Research Forum, in addition to the dedicated website of the Forum.

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