

# ESIL Interest Group on International Human Rights Law

## Annual Report

### 2017-2018

In November 2017 elections were held and three new interest group co-convenors were elected to serve for a two-year mandate. The individuals elected were: Valentina Azarova, Emma Irving, and Pierre Thielborger. The next IG elections will take place in October 2019.

The IG held a successful pre-conference event at the ESIL Annual Conference in Manchester in September 2018. A call for papers was issued on the theme of ‘The Universality Challenge to Human Rights Law: a Sword, a Shield, or Neither?’, and from the responses a selection of 6 abstracts was selected to be developed and presented at the pre-conference event. The co-convenors are in the process of putting together a blog symposium for EJIL:Talk or an equivalent online publication based on a selection of the papers presented at the pre-conference event.

On the 25-26 October, the IG will co-organise a conference on ‘The EU as a Global Actor in Maritime Security: Competences – Obligations – Accountability’. This conference is hosted by Leiden University and is further co-organised by the Leiden University Europa Institute and the ESIL Interest Groups on the Law of the Sea, on Migration and Refugee law, and on the EU as a Global Actor.