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CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference

INTERNATIONAL LAW IN TIMES OF TRADE WARS AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: PROTECTION OR PROTECTIONISM?

TO BE HELD AT

NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (MOSCOW, RUSSIA)

31 May - 1 June 2019





On 31 May -1 June 2019, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia) will host the Conference "International Law in Times of Trade Wars and Global Environmental Problems: Protection or Protectionism?". The conference is jointly organized by National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia), gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom), the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law, and the ASIL Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law.

CALL FOR PAPERS

States possess permanent **sovereignty** over their **natural resources**. The natural resource sector occupies a significant part of world's economy, representing more than **20%** of global **international trade** and **50%** of total **EU investments**. These economic interests are supposed to be balanced with **sustainable development**, a fundamental goal of the **World Trade Organization**. Under WTO rules, members can adopt **trade-restrictive measures** aimed at protection of the **environment**, as long as these measures are not protectionist. However, recent growth of **protectionist** trade measures has resulted in a global trade **crisis**. Between mid-October 2017 to mid-May 2018, trade-restrictive measures from G20 economies have doubled compared to the previous review period.

Trade conflicts negatively influence **global cooperation**, which in turn undermines **Sustainable Development Goals**, especially those connected with environmental protection, preservation of natural recourses and spread of environmental technologies. At the same time, some commentators have argued that isolationist policies might **slow globalization** and, thereby reduce the negative impact of economic activities on the environment.

Given the global nature of environmental and trade-restrictive problems the **international community** needs a **coordinated response** to these developments. The conference aims at exploring the contribution of **international law** in both fields of **trade** law and **environmental** law to the prevention of known and emerging **risks** from trade-restrictive measures in the context of environmental protection. The debate will also include **national security** interests in the field of **environmental protection** under the conditions of current **crisis** in international **multilateral trade system**.



AREAS OF INTEREST

The conference will address the international legal aspects of the intersections between **trade-restrictive measures** and **environmental protection** with regard to **food safety** and food **security**, **energy** security, **climate change**, trade in **natural resources** and trade in **intellectual property** rights. Special attention (not exhaustively) will be paid to the following topics:

- Environmental protection as a legitimate objective for trade-restrictive measures;
- Food safety and food security in the context of trade-restrictive measures;
- Energy security under conditions of trade wars;
- Fight against climate change and trade-restrictive measures;
- Trade in natural resources in the light of **SDGs** and trade-restrictive measures.
- Trade in **intellectual property rights** in the light of SDGs and trade-restrictive measures.

VENUE AND DATES

The conference will take place at the premises of the **National Research University** Higher School of Economics in **Moscow**, Russia on **31 May – 1 June** 2019.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be divided into **sessions**, each chaired by the discussant with participation of **three** to **four speakers**.

ELIGIBILITY

All **Members** of the **ESIL** Interest Group on **International Environmental Law** and of the **ASIL** Interest Group on **Intellectual Property Law**, the members of **other ESIL IGs** and **ASIL IGs** and also the **non-ESIL** and **non-ASIL** members (ESIL or ASIL membership will be required if the abstract is selected) are invited to submit **abstracts**.

APPLICATIONS

Applications can be submitted via e-mail to the following addresses: dboklan@hse.ru; paolo.farah@glawcal.org.uk; esiligintenvlaw@glawcal.org.uk, by 10 January 2019. Please include the following information:

- The author's name and affiliation;
- A 500-700-word abstract [Word file or PDF];
- The author's CV, including a list of relevant publications, if applicable;
- The author's contact details, including e-mail address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an **ESIL** member or **ASIL** member

Co-authored papers are also welcomed. Applicants will be informed of the selection committee decision no later than **20 January 2018**.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The organizers have **publication plans** for the presented papers. The precise format of publication will be discussed during the conference. The Organizers envisage to publish a Book collection (Edited by Daria Boklan and Paolo Davide Farah) in the **Routledge Publishing** (New-York/London) multidisciplinary **gLAWcal book series** on "**Transnational Law and Governance**"

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CO-ORGANIZERS

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