



Call for Papers

Workshop of the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group

Challenges to the Governance of the Global Economy: Dispute Settlement in the WTO and in International Investment Law

The ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law organises a Workshop on “Challenges to the Governance of the Global Economy: Dispute Settlement in the WTO and International Investment Law”, as a side-event to the ESIL 2019 Annual Conference in Athens. The Workshop will take place on September 12, 2019.

The workshop will address the following two topics:

- 1) The blocking of the WTO Appellate Body and the need for reform of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.
- 2) Reform of investment dispute settlement.

1) The blocking of the WTO Appellate Body and the need for reform of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism

The US veto on the appointment of the members of the WTO Appellate Body may cause the paralysis of the Geneva dispute settlement mechanism. The currently undergoing crisis thus imposes an analysis of a) the causes generating the uneasiness of the US approach; b) the validity of the US critiques; c) the options to overcome the negative situation looming ahead; and, more generally, d) the modifications to be introduced in the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding and in the practice of the DSM in order to avoid the same scenario in the future, and to improve and strengthen the management of disputes in the multilateral trading system. The Interest Group invites submissions on each aspects of the above listed topics concerning the WTO dispute settlement mechanism, also in a comparative perspective of the solutions proposed for conflict resolution in mega-regionals and RTAs, and the case-law expressed within them.

2) Reform of investment dispute settlement

Investor-state dispute settlement has been at the forefront of attention in recent years and efforts to reform it are currently underway at UNCITRAL. The Interest Group invites submissions on the following non exhaustive topics: a) protectionism, mistrust of international dispute settlement and investment disputes, b) the multilateral reform negotiations at UNCITRAL, c) topics for reform (costs, consistency of decisions, third-party funding, appointment, etc.), d) intra-EU investment dispute settlement, e) amendment of the

ICSID Rules, f) investment arbitration or a multilateral investment court, g) the practicalities of creating a multilateral investment court, h) the future of investment dispute settlement.

Paper submission procedure

Abstracts may be submitted in English or French in accordance to the timeline as set out below.

Submissions must not exceed 800 words, and have to be submitted to the following mail addresses:

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In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain a separate file containing information on:

- The topic of the call for papers for which the abstract is submitted;
- The author's name and affiliation;
- A short (one page) author's CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- The author's contact details, including email address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an ESIL member and the date of affiliation.

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **midnight 15 April 2019 (CET)**.

Successful applicants will be informed by **1 May 2019**.

The deadline for the submission of the papers of accepted abstracts is **15 August 2019**.

The deadline for the submission of final papers for publication is **15 October 2019**.

Final papers should be around 10,000 words and unpublished, to be included in the ESIL SSRN Series (subject to review). ESIL also plans to publish selected high-quality papers in a volume of the ESIL Book Series (published by OUP).

Please note that the Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. See the ESIL website for information about travel grants and carers' grants offered to ESIL members, and other relevant information about the Conference (http://esil-sedi.eu/?page_id=1331 ; http://esil-sedi.eu/?page_id=1730).

Speakers selected for a pre-conference Interest Group event are welcome to register for the Annual Conference; please note, however, that the Society is unable to offer reduced conference registration fees to speakers at a pre-conference event (please do not register as agora speakers).

Selected speakers can indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Young Scholar Prize (http://esil-sedi.eu/?page_id=1323), if they meet the eligibility conditions as stated on the ESIL website. The ESIL Secretariat (ESIL.secretariat@eui.eu) must be informed of all speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize by 15 May at the very latest.

The convenors: Elisa Baroncini, Holger Hestermeyer, Peter-Tobias Stoll, Catharine Titi and Marina Trunck-Fedorova