

2019 ESIL Annual Conference

Call for Papers

Workshop of the ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security

Climate Change as a Threat Multiplier: New Threats to Peace and Security and the Role of the Security Council

The ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security organises a workshop on 'Climate Change as a Threat Multiplier: New Threats to Peace and Security and the role of the Security Council' as a pre-conference event to the 2019 ESIL Annual Conference in Athens. The Workshop will take place on 12 September 2019 at the premises of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

On 25 January 2019 the Security Council (SC) held an open debate on the security implications of climate change, and, previously, with Resolution 2349/2017 addressed climate change as factor of instability and conflict in the Lake Chad basin.

Indeed, climate change is not only an environmental threat, but it has an impact on security, since it exacerbates situations of political instability. Climate change is a key driver of extreme weather events, internal displacement, forced migrations, food insecurity: elements that "can indirectly increase risks of violent conflicts in the form of civil war and inter-group violence by amplifying well-documented drivers of these conflicts such as poverty and economic shocks" (IPCC, 2014).

Some scholars argue that climate change should be elevated to the same threat level as international terrorism or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

This workshop aims at examining the legal, theoretical and political implications of securitising climate change and the role of the Security Council.

This raises a number of intricate legal questions. For example, is the SC the most appropriate body to deal with climate change as a security threat? Are the operational instruments placed at the disposal of the SC under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, adequate to cope effectively with the security threats caused by climate change? What is the place of the SC in the overall governance of global problems, such as those relating to world environmental security? Would the 'classic' concepts of sovereignty and territory be challenged by the securitization of climate change?

Potential authors should submit papers on any of the abovementioned topics.

Paper submission procedure.

Abstracts (not exceeding 750 words) should be submitted to C.Moran@napier.ac.uk, ilja.pavone@cnr.it, starski@mpil.de, nicholas.tsagourias@sheffield.ac.uk, by 25 April 2019. Please include the following information with your abstract:

Name and affiliation;

A brief CV, including a list of relevant publications;

Contact details, including email address and phone number.

Successful applicants will be notified by email by 15 May 2019. ESIL also plans to publish selected high-quality papers in a volume of the ESIL Book Series. 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

Selected speakers are strongly encouraged to become members of the Society and to register for the Annual Conference; please note, however, that the Society is unable to offer reduced conference registration fees to speakers at pre-conference events (please do not register as agora speakers).

Selected speakers can indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Young Scholar Prize, if they meet the eligibility conditions as stated on the ESIL website. The ESIL Secretariat must be informed of all speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize by 15 May at the very latest.

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