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**SOVEREIGNTY:
A CONCEPT IN FLUX?**

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CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR THE ESIL INTEREST GROUP
ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
EVENT ON

**THE REALITY AND RHETORIC OF
SOVEREIGNTY IN RELATION TO
NATURAL RESOURCES,
ENVIRONMENT, TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT**

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ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law
**National & Kapodistrian University of Athens,
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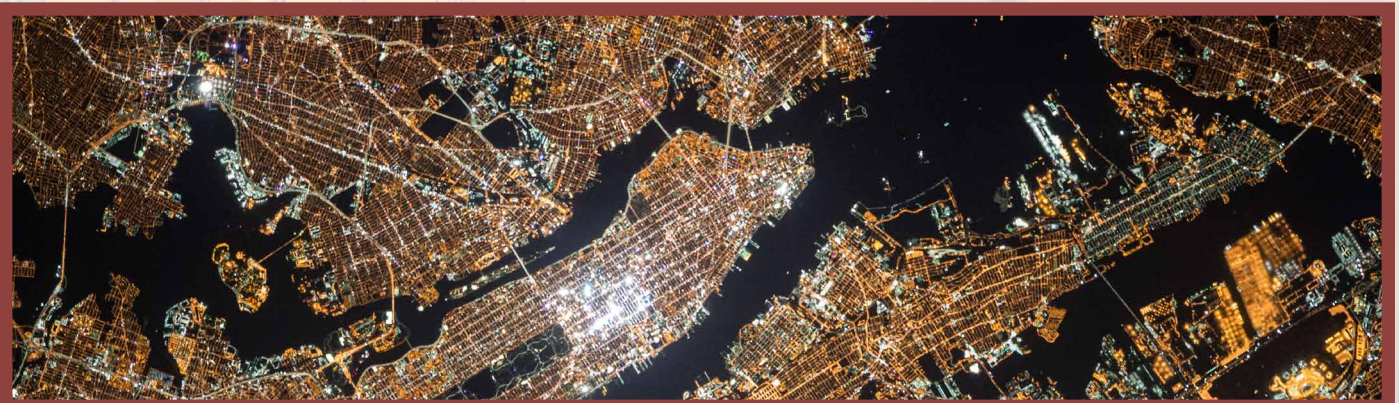
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Since the 1970s, states have come together to shape rules, practices and aspirations regarding our **natural environment**. International cooperation, treaty making, partnerships, and goal setting in the area of **natural resources**, the **environment**, **trade** and **development** have shaped and affected the **sovereignty** of nation states.

The **IG on International Environmental Law** invites analyses from various viewpoints and perspectives on the **reality** and **rhetoric** of sovereignty in international environmental law. This ranges from the view that **sovereignty** is a **waning phenomenon** in a globalised, digitised and decentralised world to the position that sovereignty **privileges states** over non- state actors and is the determining factor in the **regulation** of the environment, trade and development.

We invite you to explore, in the environmental context, the nature of **commitments** made by states in their negotiation to **retain legitimacy**, be they with international institutions or non-governmental organisations, thereby helping us understand the reality of the overall nature of sovereignty in the **21st century**. Attendant issues would be how state prerogatives and interests have been reshaped by **global initiatives** on the environment. In the area of the environment, **technical sovereignty** through science-based approaches and how this impacts on politically bargained sovereignty is bringing in new actors and methods into the sovereignty bargain.

Is sovereignty '**organised hypocrisy**' or a **sacred privilege** tough to keep? Are states in **full control** of their sovereignty or do they really rely on bargaining with other **states** and **non-state actors** for propping up their sovereignty? This meeting focussing on innovative and fresh perspectives on approaching regulation, governance of natural resources and the environment in the light of competing interests in trade and development, within precept of sovereignty, encouraging **multidisciplinary** approaches and cross sectoral analyses, adopting social sciences, legal, and other methodologies.



AREAS OF INTEREST

- Environmental **movements**
- Customary **international law** and the environment
- Environment as **sovereign**
- Impact of global **ecopolitics** on the concept of sovereignty
- **Natural law** concepts of international law
- New **ways** to make international environmental law
- **Permanent Sovereignty** of state over natural resources
- The **Commons** and Sovereignty
- Environmental **duties** and state sovereignty
- Good Neighbourliness and **State responsibility** for actions causing **transboundary damage**
- **Sustainable development** and non-sovereign obligations
- Regional integration agreements that lead to voluntary **limitation of sovereignty** and its environmental benefits
- UNEP and **soft law** guidelines and codes of conduct on resources shared by two or more states
- **International organisations** such as OECD, OAU, IUCN and measures to guide natural resource use, prevention of environmental degradation
- Internal sovereignty and **environmental standards**
- International **aid**, external **autonomy** and environmental **projects**

ELIGIBILITY

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

VENUE AND DATE

The ESIL IG on International Environmental Law Event will take place at the premises of the **National & Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Greece on **12 September 2019**.

APPLICATIONS

The following must be submitted to esiligintenvlaw@glawcal.org.uk by **14/05/2019**:

- The author's **name** and affiliation;
- A 500-700-word **abstract** [Word file and PDF];
- The 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**

Multiple abstracts from the same authors will be considered, but only one can be selected. **Co-authored** multidisciplinary papers are also welcomed. The Organizers are **unable** to provide **funding** for any cost related to the participation to the conference. Please see the [**ESIL's website**](#) for information about **travel grants** and **carers' grants** offered to ESIL members, and other relevant information about the conference. 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. For further information on the ESIL Annual Conference please visit [**ESIL's website**](#).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The organizers have **publication plans** for the presented papers. The precise format of publication will be discussed during the **ESIL IG Event**. The Organizers envisage to publish a **Special Issue** on Peer-reviewed or US Law Journal or in the **Routledge Publishing** (New-York/London) multidisciplinary **gLAWcal** book series on [**"Transnational Law and Governance"**](#).



