

## ESIL IG on Peace and Security Call for Papers

### The Question of Solidarity in Peace and Security

The [ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security](#) is proposing to organise a side event during the 2020 ESIL Research Forum at the Department of Law, University of Catania. The 2020 Forum will address the topic ‘Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law’ and the Interest Group’s side event will take place on Thursday 23 April 2020.

The question of solidarity is controversial, particularly as solidarity can be used in international law in a multitude of ways: it can be viewed as a structural principle, shaping the international legal order, as a normative principle, setting the values of that order, or as a general principle, with particular relevance to the area of peace and security. It can be viewed as a vital aim for rights, actions and order in certain areas, such as disaster, peacekeeping and migration, or it can be viewed as being in direct competition with other values such as sovereignty and security. From each of these perspectives, several questions arise: can solidarity as a value shape the interpretation and application of existing rules? Can it incubate new rules? Does the pursuit of solidarity in the area of peace and security constitute a utopian myth? Is solidarity as a concept compatible with the aims of peace and security?

We invite papers from **early-career scholars** which address the above themes and questions, in the context of peace and security, and welcome those which focus particularly on:

1. The legal relationship between sovereignty, solidarity and utopia
2. Solidarity, utopia and peace, and their theoretical alignment
3. The balance between the competing demands of solidarity and security
4. Isolationism, security and solidarity

### **Application Process**

Please submit an abstract in PDF (in English) of no more than 800 words by midnight on 17 January 2020 (London-UK time) to all of the IGPS Convenors:

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The following information must be provided with each abstract:

- The author’s name and affiliation;
- The author’s brief CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- The author’s contact details, including email address and phone number.

Only one abstract per author will be considered

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than 28 January 2020. Depending on the number of abstracts and their quality, up to 6 abstracts may be selected.

Full papers (between 7000-8000 words inclusive) should be submitted by 31 March 2020. Selected papers may be published in an edited collection or a special edition of a journal.

### **Evaluation criteria**

Abstracts will be selected for inclusion, on the basis of the following criteria: 1) their alignment with the description and objectives of the event; 2) the overall coherence of the panel, and 3) the general criteria according to the ESIL Conference Call for Papers.

### **Travel and accommodation**

Unfortunately, the Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Some ESIL travel grants and ESIL carers grants will be available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding. Please see the ESIL website for details.

### **Research Forum information**

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the Research Forum. The Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants are required to register for the Research Forum. (Registration will open in December 2019 / January 2020).

More information on ESIL is available here: <https://esil-sedi.eu/> and information regarding the Research Forum in particular, including the general call for papers, can be viewed here: <https://esil-sedi.eu/research-forum-cfp-solidarity-the-quest-for-founding-utopias-of-international-law/>

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