



**Call for Papers for the Workshop of the ESIL Interest Group on
International Economic Law at the 2020 Catania ESIL Research
Forum
Catania, Thursday 23 April 2020**

The Value of Solidarity in International Economic Law

On occasion of the 2020 ESIL Research Forum on “Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law”, to be held in Catania on 23 – 24 April 2020, the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group will convene a workshop on “The Value of Solidarity in International Economic Law”, which will take place on Thursday, 23 April 2020.

We invite papers from early-career scholars (especially advanced PhD students and post-doctoral researchers) addressing the above indicated topic, developing, in particular, the following themes:

- 1) Solidarity and International Trade Law. Within this theme, topics to be developed include the relation between non-trade values and free trade, special and differential treatment for developing and least-developed countries, also considering the currently undergoing debate within the WTO on the concept of developing country, and the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda within the WTO legal framework;
- 2) Solidarity and International Investment Law. Within this theme, the suggested research approach is that of including solidarity as a tool for interpreting International Investment Law, as, for instance, including the obligation to “contribute to the host State development” within the definition of investment, and, more generally, of consequently shaping the right to regulate of the Host Country, thus promoting a consideration of International Investment Law where the protection of foreign investments and investors meaningfully converges with the sustainable development of the Host State;
- 3) Solidarity and International Financial Law. Within this theme, the suggested research approach is that of promoting a socially and environmentally sustainable financial system, thus including non-trade values in the shaping and for the assessment of international financial regulatory standards.

Paper submission procedure

Papers may be submitted in English or French in accordance to the timeline as set out below. They should be unpublished, in an advanced stage of completion, and ready to be included in the ESIL SSRN Conference Paper Series and in the ESIL Conference Proceedings. Also co-authored paper proposals are accepted.

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 20 February 2020, Brussels time.

Successful applicants will be informed by 28 February 2020.

The deadline for the submission of the papers of accepted abstracts is 10 April 2020.

The deadline for the submission of final papers for publication is 15 May 2020.

The Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Selected speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Some ESIL travel grants (<https://esil-sedi.eu/travel-grants/>) and ESIL carers grants (<https://esil-sedi.eu/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 (<http://esil-sedi.eu/>) 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 January 2020).

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