

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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## ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

09/2019-08/2020

### 11/12/2019

### EU Trade Agreements and the Duty to Respect Human Rights Abroad

The ESIL Interest Group on the EU as a Global Actor, the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the T.M.C. Asser Institute jointly organised a one-day conference on the 'EU Trade Agreements and the Duty to Respect Human Rights Abroad'. The conference took place online.

The conference explored whether the EU is bound by human rights obligations towards individuals outside the territory of its Member States when it concludes trade agreements with third countries. Four broad themes were covered:

- The EU's Trade Agreements and the Duty to Protect Human Rights Abroad: Theoretical Underpinnings
- The EU's Trade Agreements and the Duty to Protect Human Rights Abroad: An International Law perspective
- The Western Sahara litigation and its Impact on establishing the EU's Duty to Protect Human Rights abroad

• Case-Studies regarding the EU's Duty to Protect Human Rights abroad

12/06/2020

# The European Union's External Action and International Law: A View From the Outside'

Online workshop co-organised with ILAG of the City Law School, City, University of London. The report on the proceedings is available at <a href="https://openaccess.city.ac.uk/id/eprint/24541/">https://openaccess.city.ac.uk/id/eprint/24541/</a>.

### ACTIVITIES FOR 2020/2021

09/2020-08/2021

15/4/2021

### The EU's Role With Respect to the Principle of Solidarity

Event on the occasion of the 2021 ESIL Research Forum (Catania)

8-11/9/2021

#### Regional integration and international lawmaking

Agora (alternatively: side event) on the occasion of the 2021 ESIL Annual Conference (Stockholm)