

#### IGPS WORKSHOP Lawmaking in Peace and Security: Actors, Processes, and Impact

The 16th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law (ESIL) will be held in Stockholm, Sweden from Thursday 9 September to Saturday 11 September 2021. The theme of this year's conference is **'Changes in international lawmaking: actors, processes, impact.'** It will be preceded by a workshop of the Interest Group on Peace and Security (IGPS) on Wednesday 8 September.

The international law of peace and security is in flux. With the UN Security Council deadlocked on a growing number of crises, states are increasingly turning to other institutions and methods to address emerging challenges in areas as diverse as climate change, global health, cybersecurity and migration. At the same time, a host of non-state actors, increasingly from the private sector, is generating norms in areas such as humanitarian law, corruption, digital security, and environmental protection. Lawmaking processes have undergone an abrupt 'digital' revolution due to COVID-19, and the pandemic is likely to affect wider trends of securitization in the global order. In particular, governments have partnered with private companies to roll out vaccines and digital technologies to protect public health. Equally important, the diversification and informalization of lawmaking processes and actors is recalibrating the balance of power within the global order. On the one hand, states are using security threats to consolidate their authority in some areas; on the other, the emergence of novel technologies and hybrid threats is creating new problems for transnational governance beyond the state.

We welcome paper proposals on changes in international lawmaking and how these changes are impacted by and impact on national and private norms and processes in the area of peace and security, in particular with respect to the following themes:

- actors in peace and security governance
- processes in peace and security governance
- law making/regulatory framework of peace and security governance
- aims and effects of peace and security governance

#### **Application Process**

Please submit an abstract in PDF (in English) of no more than 500 words by 30 April 2021 to all of the IGPS Convenors: c.moran[at]napier.ac.uk, pobjie[at]mpil.de, nicholas.tsagourias[at]sheffield.ac.uk, iljarichard.pavone[at]cnr.it and p.labuda[at]uva.nl.

The following information must be provided with each abstract:

- Author's name and affiliation;
- Author's brief CV (max 2 pages), including a list of relevant publications;
- Author's contact details

Only one abstract per author will be considered.

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than 15 May 2021. Depending on the number and quality of abstracts, up to 5 abstracts may be selected. Full papers (between 5000-6000 words inclusive of footnotes) should be submitted by 31 August 2021. Selected papers may be published in an edited collection or a special edition of a journal.

## **Evaluation criteria**

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: 1) their alignment with the 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 careers 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.

# ESIL Annual Conference 2021

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the Annual conference. The Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants are required to register for the ESIL Conference.

More information on ESIL is available here: <u>https://esil-sedi.eu/</u> For more information on the IGPS: <u>https://igpeaceandsecurity.wixsite.com/esiligps</u>