



European Society of International Law Interest Group on *International Organisations*

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For the year 2020-2021 the Organising Committee of the ESIL Interest Group on International Organizations consisted of Catherine Brölmann, Richard Collins, Sufyan El Droubi, Lorenzo Gasbarri, and Gail Lythgoe.

The Interest Group collaborated with the Interest Group on International Health Law on a hybrid pre-conference workshop at both Stockholm University and via Zoom on the subject of “International Organizations’ Actions in Times of COVID-19: Law-Making by Expertise and Soft Law”. The event, held on 8 September 2021, was attended by persons from four continents - Europe, the Americas, Asia and Oceania - during a total of four hours. The keynote speech was given by Christiane Ahlborn (United Nations Office of Legal Affairs) and was followed by eight presentations of ongoing research. The full programme can be found [online](#).

The Interest Group has recently revived its website activity and hosts interviews and blog posts by researchers, including one by Jan Klabbers on his latest research project ‘[PRIVIGO: Intergovernmental Organizations between Mission and Market](#)’ and one by Negar Mansouri which questions the [study of international institutional law](#).

Most recently, we launched a new series, where we interview authors, researchers, and practitioners about their new research and the latest developments concerning international organizations. In the inaugural interview, Catherine Brölmann (University of Amsterdam) and Richard Collins (University College Dublin) interview author Lorenzo Gasbarri (Bocconi University) about his new book ‘The Concept of an International Organization in International Law’, recently published by OUP. The interviews are available to watch on our [website](#) and to listen to on [Spotify](#) and [Anchor.fm](#) – just search for ‘ESIL International Organizations’

Lastly, the Interest Group is taking forward [a special issue](#) in the International Organizations Law Review based on the [joint seminar with Bocconi University 'Contested Fundamentals Of The Law Of International Organizations'](#) held on 2 October 2020.